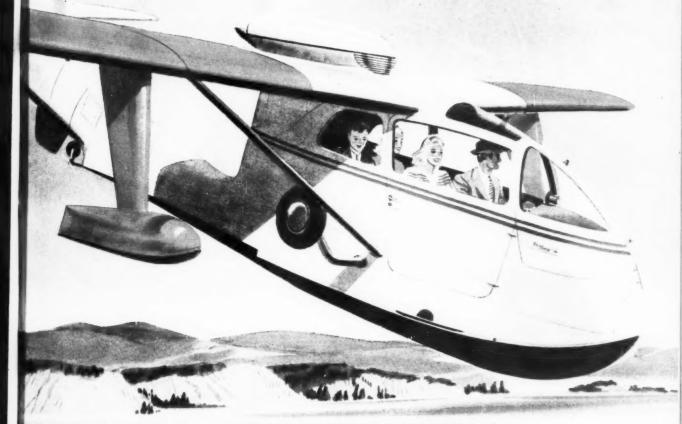
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VIATION'S PLACE in the future is being determined in these critical weeks with the most momentous decisions ever facing our lawmakers. The Senate has created the 11-man Atomic Energy Committee to determine a policy for produc-tion, use and control of this 20th century miracle. As a bomb it is but another weapon for the bomber to carry, and it would be a tragic mistake to destroy our magnificent air power in the false belief that it is outmoded. The atomic bomb must not alter our strategic air power concepts for we will need bombers to carry it, fighters to protect the bombers carry it, fighters to protect the bombers (and to destroy enemy bombers), a Navy to take the strategic bases, and an Army to hold these outposts. The debate over the proposed Army and Navy merger is tossing air power about like a toy. Army's Marshall and Arnold want unification, Navy's Forrestal and King are opposed To give our bombers their own command is a logical move. But to ensnarl our carrier fighters and long range fighterbombers in a mesh of divergent interests might well create more divergent command than ever before.

POSTWAR PROCUREMENT of new aircraft, now undergoing debate, can easily make or break the aircraft indus-

try. If current production is infinitesimal it can only result in key personnel being forced into other fields and future expansion of production impaired. Should the latter happen, much of our technological gains of the war-which is represented as much by our trained engineering staffs as by our latest model airplanes-will be dissipated. The present Navy program calls for production of 60 jet fighters, 25 dive bombers, 27 patrol bombers and 86 utility planes during 1946—a total of 198 airplanes! The present AAF program calls for production of 60 Very Heavy bombers, 991 fighters, 2 transports, 146 liaison and 39 rotary wing types—a total of 1238 air-planes! Combined, the Army and Navy will purchase only 1436 during the Fiscal Year 1946! And this after the devastatingly convincing job Air Power did dur-ing World War II! Certainly Billy Mitchell

is smiling at the American people!
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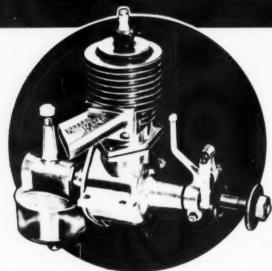
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WATCH for increased interest in balsawood by the aircraft industry. More and more attention is being focused on "sandwich" construction in which plywood, dural or other materials are bonded to sheet balsa. These are claimed to offer a wave-free wing surface which will better preserve laminar flow, the goal of all designers.

This is of much interest to aeromodelers who may be able to dope out their own "sandwich" constructions or methods which simplify building, especially from the time angle. Imports of balsa are expected to continue on a large basis, which means we should be getting better and better wood through our suppliers.

Also, according to a lab report from a wood products outfit, quipo (or bongo) wood may soon be serving as a substitute. It is lighter than balsa although inferior in tensile or compressive strength parallel to the grain; but perpendicular to the grain it has been found superior to balsa in compression strength. For a while, though, we'll probably be sticking to balsa.

Wait until you get to that next National Meet! Ah, the friendships to be renewed —everyone seems to have lost track of everybody else. One of the lads we have heard from is W. Hewitt Phillips, winner of the Sperry Award for younger men, and famed model aero experimenter—Hew is busier'n'a bird dog at the NACA's Stability Department and still hopeful of building a Flying Wing model as the one automatically stable craft. Um-m-m.

Others flashing across our line of vision have included Dick Everett, holder of national records and constant contest winner. Dick has been Chief of Operations at an NACA Spin Tunnel—not long ago he tangled with an electric fan, nothing serious. For a while he was neglecting modeling for photography.

One of New England's first and most competent feminine aero contestants, Jane Christensen, has been serving as radio inspector at Harvey Radio Labs. Bruno Marchi, technical director of the AMA was last heard from as Base Training Officer at Dow Field, Bangor, Me. And it was Major (!) Vernon Boehle last time that particular individual passed by.

Yes, it will be a grand get-together, all right. Looking forward to seeing you, too.

It seems as if everybody of late has become exceedingly airport conscious. Carroll Moon, AMA Contest Board Chairman, notes that thousands of new airports have been built throughout the country during the past war years. Now many of these will be abandoned; but as Carroll points out they still will be wonderful for model plane flying.

Clarence Mooney, while managing the National Aviation Trades Association's headquarters office, made a strong appeal for model aero leaders and airport managers to get together to their mutual advantage. Mooney figured airports could be used as model sites on certain days.

It all sounds good to us. We agree you can't mix full scale flying with model meets; but an abandoned airfield—ah, that would be something! Or the full run of a field on certain days—that would be okay

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HATS-OFF-DEPT.: This month we award the sweeping bow and raised headgear to Miss Olive Adams Baker of Boston, Mass., guiding genius of the Jordan Marsh-Boston Traveler Junior Aviation

Miss Baker, a whiz advertising writer, proves that you don't have to be an expert flyer like Carl Goldberg or a tycoon like William R. Hearst (remember the "Birdmen"?) to provide leadership to an up and doin' aeromodeling mob. Before she stepped in to guide the destinies of the J.A.L., Miss B. couldn't differentiate between prop wash and an out-of-sight flight. Yet by her untiring efforts and enthusiasm she has been largely responsible for the renewed vigor in Boston aeromodeling in recent months.

The Jordan-Traveler League Director, genial Tom Wildon, is an experienced designer and model flyer and a cracker-jack contest director. His every spare moment seems dedicated to bigger and better New England meets. Teamed with the aggressive Olive Baker, he is part of a combine that is bound to result in bigger and better days for the old (16 years)

Always active in aeromodeling activi-ties, the National Exchange Club has been encouraging interest in helicopter models with a nationwide contest. Local Exchange Clubs have been sponsoring events for anyone under 18 . . . "to find a new approach to flying, to stimulate original thinking, and to encourage original design of methods for flapping the wings of a model airplane with sufficient efficiency to produce flight."

The contest idea was sparkplugged by William B. ("the Grand Old Man of American aeromodeling") Stout of Ford Tri-motor and Consolidated /ircraft fame. The competition was to be climaxed in December on the 42nd anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Speaking of models, one you would find hard to equal in weight or worth is the wind tunnel miniature of Consolidated Vultee's Convair model #37 Pan American Clipper. Constructed of laminated birch, at a cost of \$10,000, the model is 1/26 the size of the 204 passenger, 160 ton airliner. The model measures 9 feet in wingspan and has a 7 ft. fuselage. All basic flight characteristics were obtained from the model by tunnel tests.

Here's a last minute thought for you that deserves more than passing attention. Numerous court cases have proved that if somebody picks up your gas model and sticks it behind their kitchen door you can sic the law on 'em and get it back.

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Every manufacturer would include in his every engine box a small card that would be filled out by the purchaser and witnessed by the dealer selling the engine,

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PLANE ON THE COVER MODEL





by MARSHALL S. GREEN

'SEABEE'

OR the many control line fans who get a real kick out of realism, no greater thrill can be experienced than piloting this miniature of Republic's smart, new, personal amphibian. This particular scale model has been designed to take off and land on water, which in itself constitutes a major incentive to build it.

Since drawing up the first set of plans many revisions and structural simplifications suggested themselves; these have all been included here and it is thought that anyone with a little model building experience will have no difficulty in following the drawings and the text.

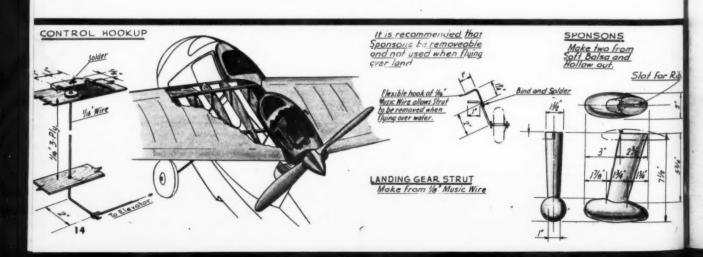
LAYOUT-Having fastened a 40" x 60" piece of clean, uncreased brown wrapping paper onto the dining room table with scotch tape, start by laying down the centerline for the plan view and the base line for the elevation and then completing the two grids of 1/2" squares required for each view; be exact and keep the lines parallel, for upon accuracy depends the fit of all formers and bulkheads and the ease with which the hull can be

finally sheeted.

With the aid of given dimensions and the grid, draw up the elevation (side view) and plan, flow in the curves smoothly with "french curves" and smoothly with "french curves" and
"sweeps," if available; if not do the best
possible by freehand for small curves and, for the long sweeps, a straight grained piece of 1/8" x 3/16" hard balsa strip in place of a regular "spline." The balsa spline works every bit as well as a Copenhagen ship sweep and has the extra advantage of being adaptable to any desired contour. Despite the fact that neither side view nor elevation is used in actual construction of the hull, they are imperative for checking the accuracy of bulkheads and as a guide to the shape of nose block, formers, engine nacelle, as well as for building the empennage.
HULL—Lay out bulkheads as shown,

transfer all but Stations 1 and 6 onto medium 1/8" sheet. Bulkheads No. 1 and No. 6 are cut out of 1/8" 3-ply. Check each station with the drawing and make sure that notches for strake, chine and stringers are accurately located. Bulkhead No. 4a has cemented to it a block made from a piece of 1/2" thick oak, maple or similar hardwood in which two holes are drilled as shown. The landing detail gear on sheet No. 2 should explain the function of the block.

Actual assembly can now start. Unlike the majority of models which are built over the plans in the initial stages, the contours of the Seabee made this im-practical and the construction method known as "building in air" was resorted to. This means that excepting for the keel and flying surfaces which can be assembled directly on top of the drawing, all structural components starting with the bulkheads are added and cemented in place while the structure is held free





from the construction board.

Check perpendicular inclination of bulkheads against the layout and sight along keel, fore and aft, to see that they are in perfect alignment behind each other.

Lay in 3/16" square chines and sheer beams, formers, wing platform, etc. to complete the basic structure. Then, with the sketch on sheet No. 2 as a guide, make up the control mechanism and install it in the hull. Make sure that tie-rod to the elevator does not bind on any of the bulkheads it passes through. Cut out sea-rudder from thin alum. and attach it to the keel.

FMPENNAGE — Before sheeting the hull it is recommended that the stab and elevator be made and assembled complete with hinges and control horn. The only uncoventional feature of the empennage is the inverted stab which is sanded to an approximate Clark-Y type of profile after assembly. Cloth elevator hinges are quite satisfactory. Cement stab, elevator, fin and rudder as a unit to the boom, then couple up tie-rod and ele-

vator horn so that movement is smooth, free and without excessive play.

SHEETING—Were it not for the fact that an extremely flexible piece of 1/16" sheet were used on the original, some difficulty might have been encountered in sheeting the boom above the strake between stations 9 and 11. However, if flexible sheet is not at hand, this section can certainly be planked without any trouble. The rest of the hull takes sheets in 2" widths of soft 3/32" balsa without the remotest chance of splitting or causing any grief. Do not sheet above former A, between stations 1 and 4; instead use strips of 1/16 sheet to form window outlines—window aft of station 4 is fretted out of the sheet covering.

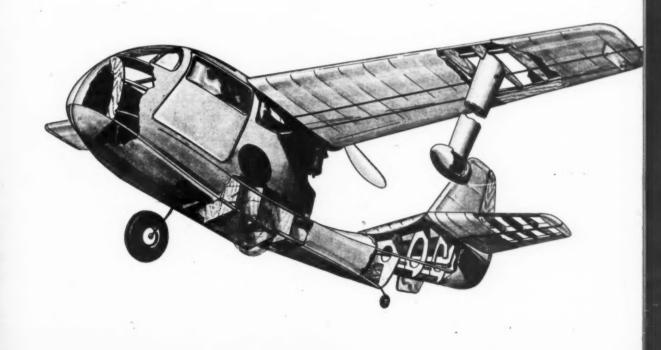
WING—Lay out the wing and cut out required ribs from medium 3/32" balsa. Form trailing edge and assemble each half-wing separately; when dry, fastent together with appropriately shaped 1/16", 3-ply gussets so that each tip is raised 1-1/2" above horizontal. Apply soft 1/16" sheet to leading edge and, if desired, 1/16" and 3/16" cap strips over each rib.

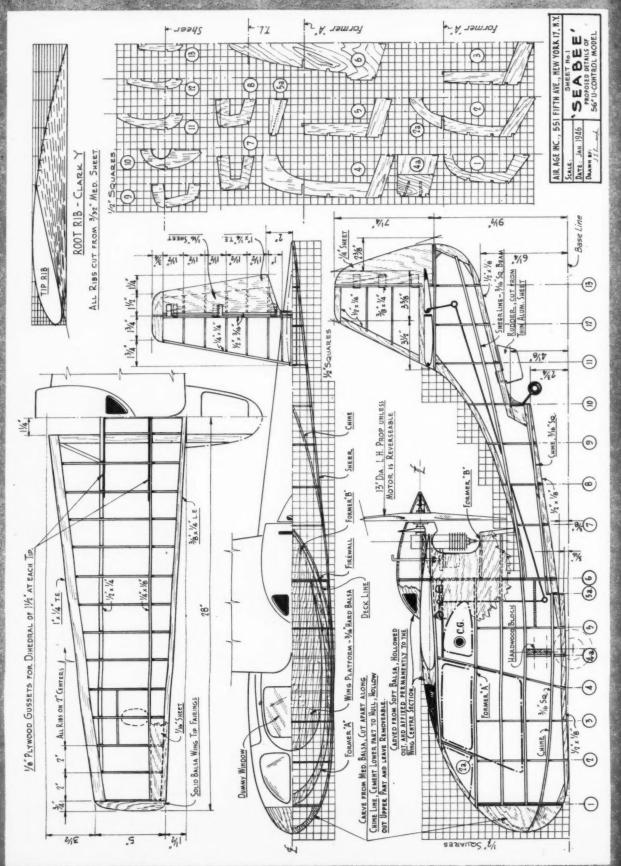
From the plans, shape up the soft balsa block which contains the window above the wing platform between stations 2-a and 4, hollow it out to save weight and cut out the window opening. Attach this block to the l.e. as indicated.

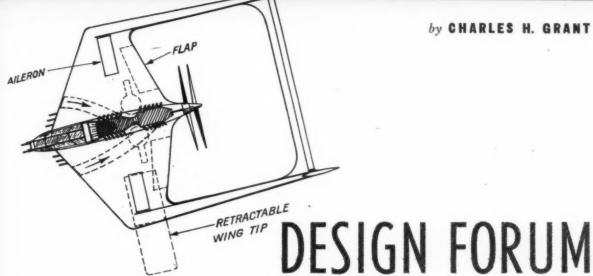
Check contours of engine nacelle against motor to be used before carving and hollowing. The nacelle is then also permanently attached to the center sec-

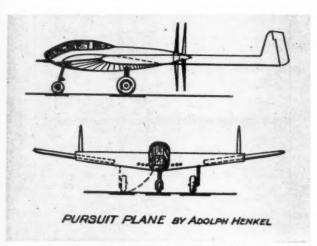
In the original model the wing was cemented to the hull, there being no transportation problems to contend with. However the center section is so designed that the wing can be made removable if deemed advisable. Sponsons are carved according to the drawings and are made removable for overland flying. Reinforce ribs at sponson junction point—this was not done on the original but the particular rib in question was made out of 1/8" 3-ply and considered to be stout enough to stand up under imperfect landings.

FINISHING — Complete the ship by carving out the nose block to specifica-(Turn to page 66)

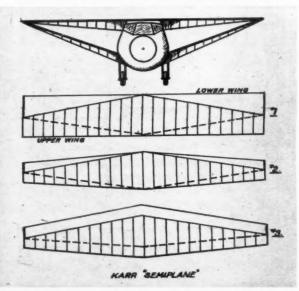








(Above) Front and side views of ship shown in plan form at top of (Below) Several sets of wings are suga



VARIOUS forms of airplanes are the result of different types of performance required of them or from their type of structure. After many years of development nearly all planes follow the same general design pattern. This is true because the material from which they are built, the methods of structural design, and the performance limitations are similar. instance, nearly all planes are of skin stressed metal structure; they nearly all use the same type of engines. This brings most airplanes within the same limits of power loading.

These limiting factors have brought about a great similarity in design of aircraft because it has been found that the present general design arrangement gives maximum performance and serviceability with the speeds, power loadings, wing loadings and other design limitations existent at the present time. This situation presents grave problems to the designer who wishes to be different and original, because any change in design usually results in inferior performance, the present type of design having been worked out from

experience as giving maximum performance.

The only thing which can make it possible to improve performance in this case, therefore, is not necessarily originality in the arrangement of parts or units of the airplane, but in devices which will increase power relative to weight, maximum lift possible per square foot, reduction of drag or mechanical gadgets that will allow the pilot to increase the lift or reduce the drag at specific moments during flight. Such devices increase the range of performance because they reduce limiting

As an example, let us consider the Pursuit plane submitted by Adolph Henkel of Route 2, Box 559, Lancaster, Calif., plans of which are shown here. The problem in designing such a ship is to obtain as much speed as possible, a high rate of climb, maximum ceiling, maneuverability and still be able to carry con-siderable weight of armament and land slow enough to circumvent crackups.

This is quite an order. Let us see what Mr. Henkel has done to obtain these qualifications. The ratio governing high speed is low drag versus high power. This design incorporates two engines placed in tandem driving coaxial props, thus reducing frontal area of engine housings. Normally two engines driving single propellers would require two separate housings placed one on each side of the central pilot compartment, so instead of merely the frontal area of a pilot compartment there would be in addition the front area of two engine nacelles. This characteristic of the design engine nacelles. This characteristic of the design insures low drag. Broad wingspans often are indicative of low wing

loadings which give considerable drag at high speeds. Henkel's design is equipped with a small span large chord wing, the small span reducing the frontal area

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PLATE-2 RIB DETAIL, SEE RIB CENTER SECTION - FOR PATTERN ABOVE PATTERN TRIB-MAKE 20 4 1/6" FLAT. RIGHT WING SPREADER BAR - SOLID BALSA ASSEMBLY L.G. STRUTS STRUTS DOTTED LINE FRONT CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE REAR CENTER SECTION STRUTS INDICATES 1/8"SQ. PINE-LOWER WING. T.E. 3/2 x 1/4" FRONT VIEW 1/2 SIZE. DIHEDRAL - LOWER WING ONLY - 34".

The original model was burned by smoke screen apparatus before finished photos were made, but it proved to be a fine flier

THE GREAT SOPWITH 'CAMEL'

EVERY now and then in all lines of endeavor a truly great event takes place. This is true in aviation as well as in other industries. The event which the author has in mind took place in late 1917-it was the appearance in squadron strength of the famous Sopwith Camel scout fight-

ers over the Western Front.

No sooner had the Camel received its baptism of fire than such aces as Collishaw, Little, Frew, MacLaren and others too numerous to mention began to roll up impressive numbers of victories at the expense of Kaiser Wilhelm's Imperial German Air Force. Even the great Baron Manfried von Richthofen had the somewhat disaster-filled distinction of being shot down over the Australian sector of the British lines by a young Canadian airman, Capt. A. Roy Brown, who finished the war with 13 Jerries to his confirmed credit. Yes, Brown polished off the great Red Knight who had about 82 Allied aerial scalps credited to himself. Richt-hofen, at the time of his death early in

1918, was flying a Fokker Triplane D.R.1. Here are just a few of the Camel's points of interest: span 28 ft.; length 13 ft. 9 in.; speed about 115 mph, and cruising time 2½ hours. It could climb to 5,000 ft. in 5 minutes, and below 12,500 ft. it was the most maneuverable ship on any front any time during the war. All of this remarkable performance was ac-complished with a 130 hp Clerget Rotary. Later in the war Camels were reaching the front equipped with 150 hp Bentley, and finally 230 hp Bentley motors. Camels even served the British Royal Navy as shipboard fighters. The decks of the old carrier Furious of the Royal Navy echoed to the battle rhythm of the historic Camels.

Statistics show that squadrons of the Royal Flying Corps destroyed at least 905 enemy aircraft, while the Camel units of

the Royal Naval Air Service destroyed over 370 along with one zeppelin and several kite balloons. This gives a grand total of at least 1275 enemy aircraft as having fallen to the tune of guns manned by the young British pilots. This does not count the many victims of Camels flown by the Yanks, Belgians and even French; yes, even the latter purchased some Camels for their "Chasse" escadrilles. With their two twin Vickers guns (sometimes one Vickers was mounted, supplemented by a Lewis gun over the center section which was uncovered for better visibility), the Camel pilots proceeded to whip many times their number of Jerries.

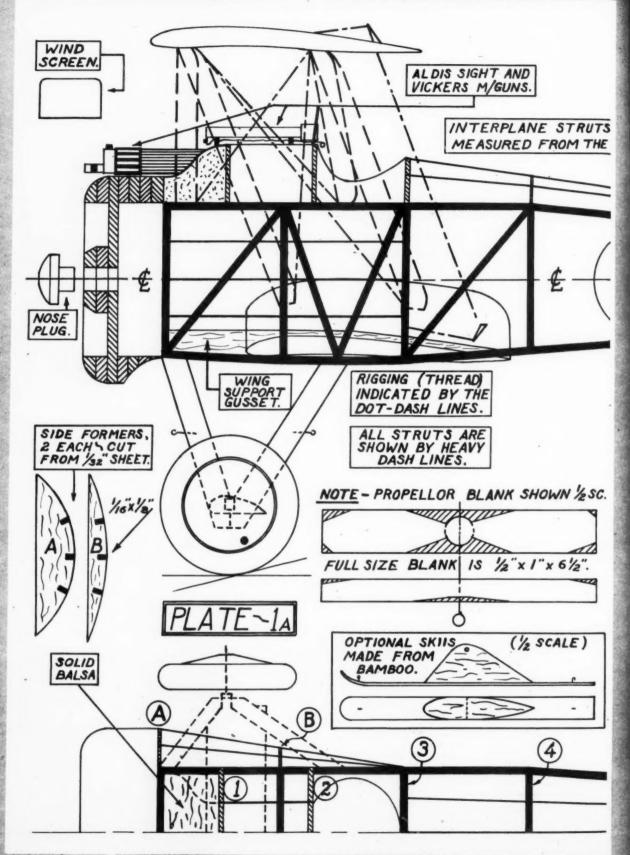
During the 1920's the Sopwith firm underwent a change in organization and emerged as the now famous Hawker Air-craft Co. The established and proven aeronautical design principles remained,

however, and the modern Hawker Hurricane, Typhoon, and Tempest fighters of current fame are the direct descendants of the Sopwith Camel, Snipe, Dolphin,

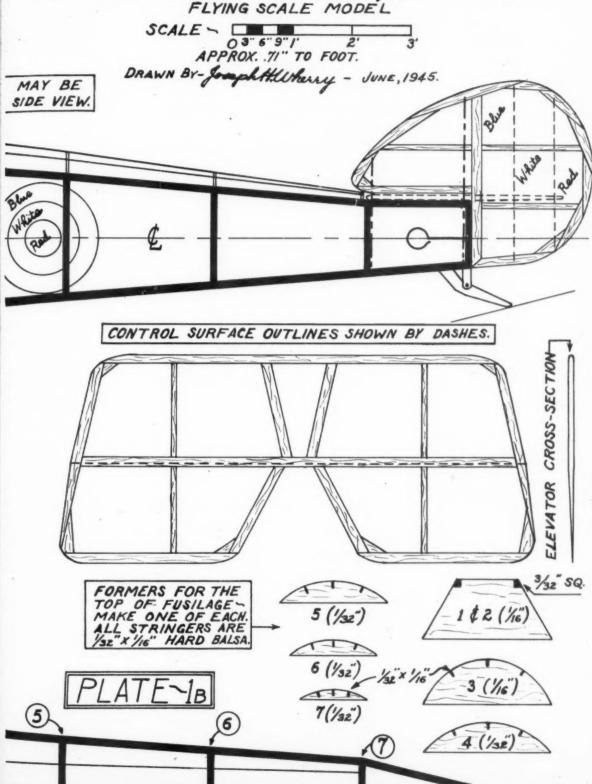
With this background in mind, you can readily see that no modeler's tarmac is complete without one of the greatest fighter planes that ever worried the "Master Race." If the accompanying plans and instructions are followed, you will be rewarded with a model that will be a beauty to behold, and one that will be a thrill to fly.

One word of caution: the author strongly recommends that no accessories such as smoke-screen apparatus be installed. The writer, when he built the model pictured here, was interested in various gadgets. If he had not been in such a hurry to try out such miniature
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BRITISH-SOPWITH "Camel", 1917-18 FIGHTER



PLANE ON THE COVER



REPUBLIC SEABEE

Photos show prototype Seabee; drawings cover production model which was not completed when this was prepared.

JUST to what extent has the personal plane gripped America's imagination? How much has it altered the idyllic picture so consistently stressed in romantic tales? Has the dream plane superseded the dream girl?

And is it possible that a man, subjected to imprisonment and the subsequent tortures for which the Japs are notorious, can keep vivid within his thoughts a pleasure plane? The answer is "yes," if only to judge by Lt. Com. G. A. Newman, who while in a Jap camp in Tokyo airmailed an order signed for a Seabee, four place amphibian, to Republic Aviation in Farmingdale, L.I.

If nothing more, the above is an indication of the definite place the pleasure plane has in the plans of Mr. and Mrs. Joe America, as well as in the calculations of men and women the world over.

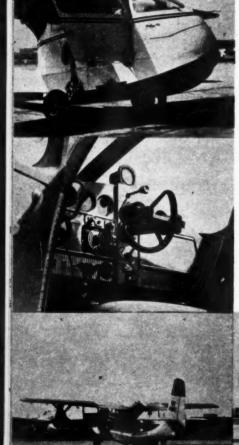
In the early days of 1931, when the design for the Seabee was a gleam in P. H. Spencer's hazel eyes, he foresaw that the advent of the personal amphibian would open new horizons for the doctor, lawyer, missionary, commuter and sportsman. Perhaps the lean six-footer "Spence," as he is usually called, visualized the amphibian rising out of study and experiment to become part of an overall scheme

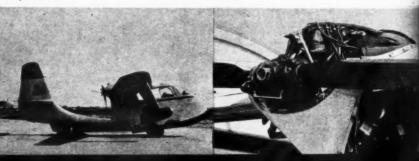
which would knit peoples in closer bonds of neighborliness. If so, Spence was right on the beam. For even though Republic's all metal monoplane is not scheduled to roll off the assembly lines until next Spring, Republic has recorded on its books approximately 4000 orders and a flood of inquiries.

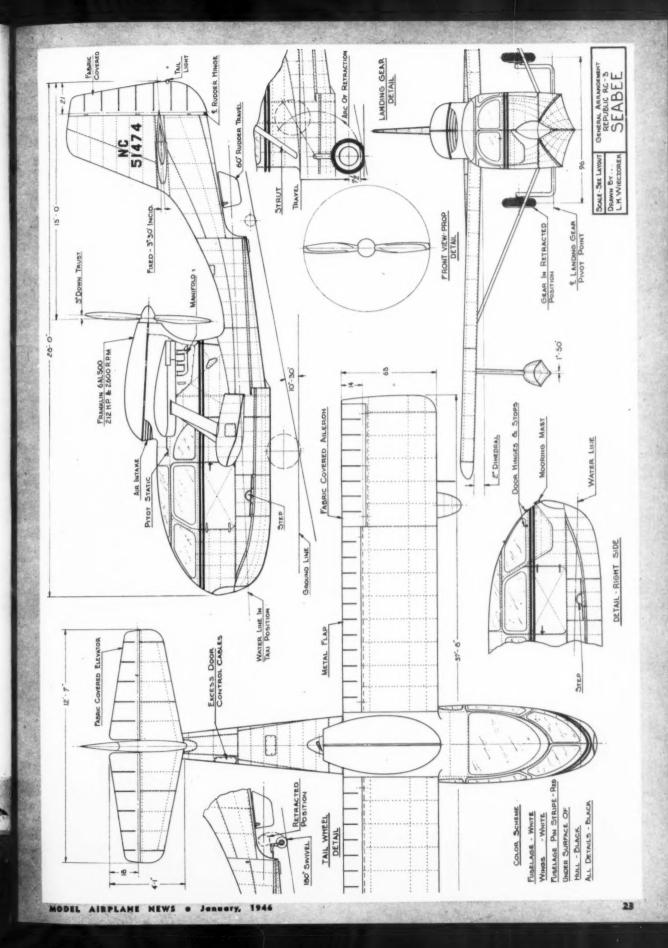
Spence's amphibian experiences date back to his earliest contacts with actual flying. In the summer of 1913 he constructed a biplane fitted with twin pontoons and shoulder yoke controls. He called the plane the Courant, and for power plant used a 15 mph motorboat and 250 ft. of ¼" manila rope. He advanced from the "towing" stage to his first motor driven plane 10 months later. In this flyingboat, he soloed two miles down the Connecticut River at about 25 ft. above water.

With the advent of cold weather Spence transformed his Courant into a landplane. During November and December of 1914 he was a familiar figure around the Carter Oak Park (Hartford) race track. One day when flying around the track the inside lower wing of the plane hooked the fence encircling the track and he was thrown out of the plane. It was banked

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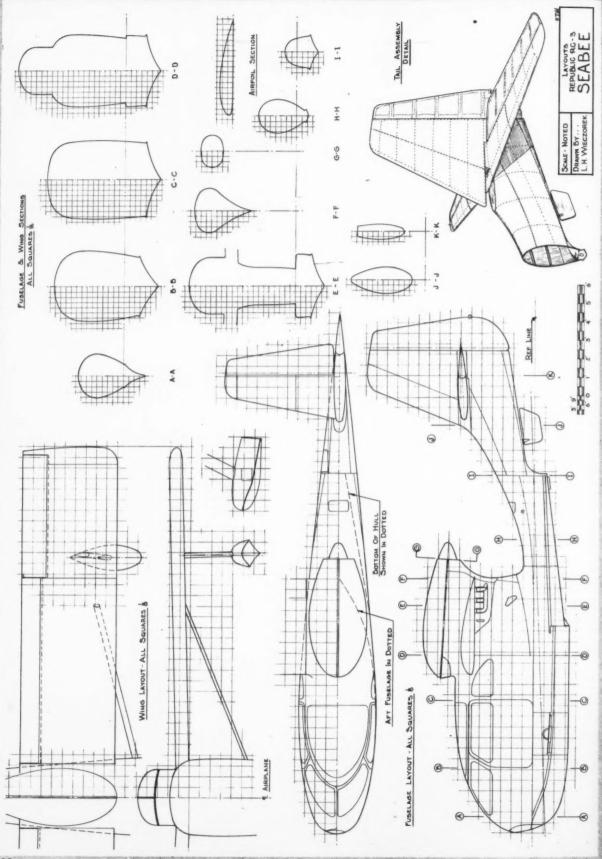






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SINCE it was first introduced into model competition back in June 1944, the Kid has made quite a name for itself for consistency in winning high places in all the contests it has entered. It is easy to build, has enough strength to hold together but no excess construction to add weight. Above all, it possesses the ability to absorb all the power the motor is capable of producing.

It was this model that won the 1944 Metropolitan Championships for its designer. The Kid possesses a terrific climb which is guaranteed to make any other ship look like it is power gliding. As an added feature it has realistic lines, sporting a genuine cabin, and it thoroughly disproves the theory that a high pylon and retracting wheels are necessary to obtain good performance.

FUSELAGE—Crutch construction was chosen for the fuselage because of its abnormal strength and ease of building. First step after enlarging the plans is to obtain 2 lengths of 3/16" x ½" balsa and one length of 3/16" x ½" bass for the motor bearers. The bass is spliced to the balsa where shown and then they are laid on the plan. Crosspieces are cut from ½" x ½" and inserted in their respective places. Next construct the top formers, 2t, 3t, etc. and glue in place. Remove the crutch from the plans, make and add the lower formers. Install firewall and bind the landing gear in place. Cut out the

wing rest and glue in position. Take two lengths of $\frac{1}{3}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " bass for the top and bottom stringers, then place the remaining stringers ($\frac{1}{6}$ " sq.) in place and glue. The cowl is made from two blocks glued together, carved, then split apart and hollowed out.

WING—The wing is built in four separate sections: two tip panels and two center panels. First, cut out all the ribs and wing tip outlines; then put the spars and trailing edge in place and insert the ribs. After all sections are completed, cut the dihedral braces from 3/32" hardwood and assemble the sections into one unit. The false ribs may then be inserted into position. Use plenty of glue at the joints. Reglue all joints and put wing aside to dry.

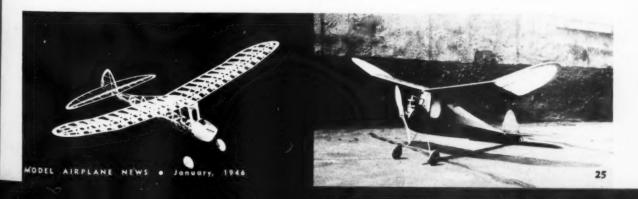
STABILIZER—First cut out all outlines. Pin these in place and put the leading edge in position, being sure to use waxpaper over the plans as you may want to use them again. Next, select a hard straight length of ½" x ½" balsa for the spar. Taper to ½" at tip and place in position. Then obtain some 1/16" sheet and cut into strips ½" wide; these are for the ribs. Insert the rectangular pieces into position and glue. When assembly is dry, remove from plan, cut airfoil to shape and finish with fine sandpaper.

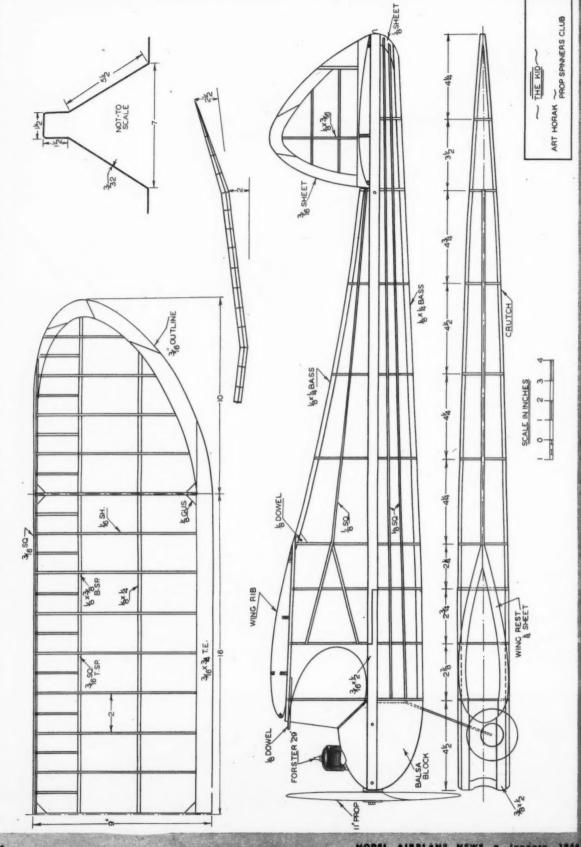
RUDDER—The rudder is last on the construction list. The outlines are cut from 3/16" medium balsa and pinned to

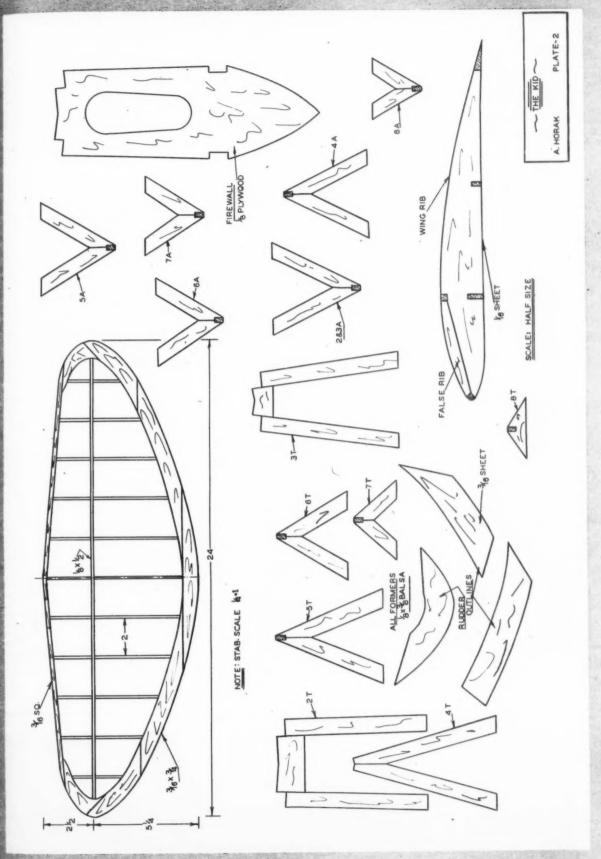
the plans. Internal construction is 3/16" x $\frac{1}{6}"$ and is put in next. When dry, remove from plans and sand to streamline shape.

COVERING—The wings of the original Kid were covered with red Silkspan and had white tips. Stabilizer was red, rudder white and the fuselage was silk covered and doped yellow. The wing and stab are covered with the grain of the Silkspan going spanwise. Use wet paper, it's easier to work with. When covering is finished the paper will shrink without being re-wet. When all surfaces are covered and dry, apply 4 coats of clear dope and finally 2 coats of yellow to the fuselage.

FLYING—Before testing the model be sure the c.g. is 60% of the chord back from the leading edge of the wing. Being this far back it enables the ship to circle tightly without danger of spinning in. Select an open field (grass covered) and glide the model from shoulder height. If it dives, add incidence; if it stalls, vice versa. The motor is installed with 3/32" right thrust (on an 11" prop) and no down thrust. When the glide is set, head for the nearest flying field with tool box in hand. Use low power on the first few flights and work in a right spiral climb and a tight left glide. When all is set, open her up wide and beg, borrow or steal some means of transportation on which to chase your ship—you'll need it!









No. 3. H. H. Magee produced this fine Mustang which he flies control line after dolly take off



No. 2. A 34" scale model of the Wright Bros. biplane complete with all rigging by Myron Hilton



No. 1. Blackburn Skua flying scale job was by Pat Slyne from one of Earl Stahl's

SOME months ago (June 1945 issue) we carried an editorial urging the inexperienced model builder to steer clear of rocket and jet plane experiments due to the danger involved. We still feel this to be good advice. On the other hand, we know that many of the more experienced workers have been busy on the problem of a practical model jet engine; and as we have heard of some of these that were quite successful we ask herewith that builders who have had good results with a worthwhile, safe jet write in and tell us of these results.

Since it is inevitable that such an engine will be produced by some busy modeler, we would like to review a few angles of the subject to prepare the uninitiated

for what is to come.

First and foremost, of course, is the question of safety. Most builders think first of the simplicity of a rocket motor: you just take some gunpowder, jam it in a tube, add wings, and presto—a rocket job! We repeat, our advice now is the same as it was in the June issue—don't do it. For those who point to all the millions of successful bazooka and rocket missiles used during the war we can only emphasize that these were made and used by experts; the powder charges of every one were X-rayed (and rejected if they contained the slightest flaws) and the utmost of scientific skill was used in their production. How does the cellar shop experimenter stack up against this array?

We feel the successful model rocket motor will use a liquid fuel, preferably, not gasoline. Some experiments have shown that alcohol is quite successful, and

even kerosene has been used.

While on the question of safety we cannot, of course, deny that many model makers have used a dangerous fuelgasoline (not to mention the various potions containing ether, lighter fluid and the like)—and very few casualties have resulted. Nevertheless, we have had engines explode and fingers have been nicked by props. As in any other field of science those who know and understand

their subject and have the proper respect for the forces involved have been able to avoid troubles.

The simplest of all jet motors is the athoyd which is merely an especially shaped tube with a jet to feed in fuel. Its big disadvantage is that it works only at high speed, and even in model sizes has to be travelling around 100 mph before any real thrust is produced. The athoyd thus does not seem very hopeful for model use, except possibly for control line fliers.

Next in line of complication is the impulse jet engine similar to that on the Nazi V1 bombs. This looks more promising and small versions of this unit have been started in the breeze of an electric fan. Given the proper instructions and possibly a few basic parts any model builder of average experience could probably build such an engine, provided of course, that the design has been well

thought out.

The turbine jet—about which so much is now heard due to its successful use in the Airacomet, Shooting Star, Fireball, and a growing list of sensational planetypes—is a poor bet from the modelers' standpoint. The necessary rotor turns at high speed which calls for perfect balance; besides this the use of special metals and fabricating processes puts this style of engine out of reach of any but the most skilled and best equipped experimenters.

It is possible of course to build a jet plane as the Italians did long before the war wherein an ordinary gas engine drives a blower whose output, augmented by the exhaust gas, is directed out the tail of the plane. We have never heard of this being tried in model form and it certainly doesn't sound practical for such use. As an interesting sidelight on this, however, have any of you gas model builders tried using the exhaust gas in a jet directed to the rear to get a little more thrust?—it might be worthwhile.

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Well, readers, that completes our jet summary and we repeat our request for

news of successful experiments in this line. When something safe and practical turns up you may be sure it will appear here in print.

Picture No. 1 shows a Blackburn Skua built by Pat Slyne of 341 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, Canada. Pat tells us that the model was constructed from plans published in M.A.N. by Earl Stahl and that it is the ninth Stahl model he has made, all being very fine fliers.

No. 2 shows a real antique, the Wright biplane in 3/4" scale built from Bill Wylam's plans. This model was produced by Sgt. Myron Hilton while in the Army at Greensboro, N. Car. The Sgt. tells us "Let me congratulate you on your World War I plans. Admittedly there have been plenty of them presented in the past but there are darn few that use modern model construction. It is a pleasure to be able to build one of the oldtimers without having to draw your own." We can assure Myron and all the other World War I fans that these old models will be continued for some time to come.

The P-51 in No. 3 was built by H. H. McGee of 3192 Spottswood, Memphis, Tenn., who gives the following details: "It is powered by a Super Cike which drives the prop with a 3-1/2" extension shaft. Its speed is very good, around 80 mph. I had some trouble at first with the P-51 on the take off when it would go into a steep climb and then roll into me, leaving me with nothing but slack lines to work with. I corrected this fault by putting more down-angle in the elevator and adding a little weight on the nose. I have the bugs out now and it is my favorite." This control liner uses a dolly for take off and is certainly a very fine appearing job.

We received No. 4 from Per Gloff, Jac. Aallsgt. 17, Oslo, Norway. It is apparent from his letter that modelers in Norway were no different from those in other oppressed countries in that they persisted in flying their models despite shortages and the disapproval of the Nazis. When rubber supplies gave out they turned to

No. 4. Here we see Per Gloff with his Zipper



No. 5. This is Bobby Hoppe's 3-in-1 model with long wings for use as a free flight hydro



No. 6. Beautiful control line Tigercut wit twin 60's flown successfully by Paul Schmit



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gas models, but in the winter of 1943 the battery supplies were also exhausted and the construction of model Diesel engines began. The Zipper shown in this picture was equipped with one of these engines.

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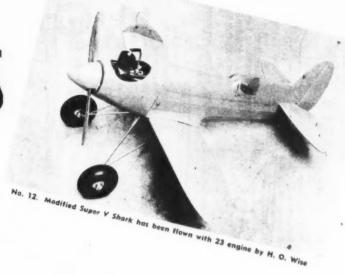
hen d to the construction of model Diesel engines began. The Zipper shown in this picture was equipped with one of these engines. No. 5 shows an original design by Bobby Hoppe of 1108 E. 13th St., Sweetwater, Tex. This model is actually a 3-in-1 job as it can be flown as a land plane, sea plane or control liner. Here it is shown as a free flight hydro. Bobby tells us that as a free flight plane it climbs at a 45° angle and has a glide ratio of 10 to 1; a little less when equipped with pontoons. As a control liner, short wings are fitted and in this condition 65 to 70 mph can be attained; but the glide is like a rock.

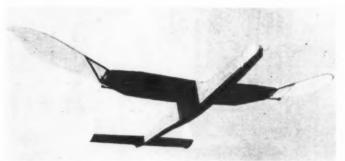
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The unusual model in No. 6 is a twin engine scale model gas job of the F-7-F. The builder is Paul A. Schmitz, AMM 3/c, Box #1, Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kans. Paul built this to keep in practice until he gets back into civilian life and writes: "It was built in my spare time and completed in 3 months. It is powered by two Ohlsson 60 Specials and has a 36" span and length of 33". The wing is held in place by two bolts and is removable. The empennage is held on by one bolt and is also removable. No means were provided for synchronizing the motors except by sound. It has a speed of around 70 mph and flies very well on one engine after it is in the air; it makes no difference which engine cuts out." Paul says the ship is a fine job to model and has produced many flights with no accidents except broken props. This certainly is a beautiful job and we should really like to see it in action.

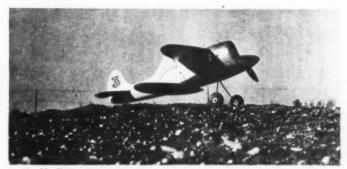
No. 7 shows a Mustang P-51 submitted by Cpl. William Oakes, Jr. from Buckley Field, Colo. He tells us that it has retractable landing gear, controls movable from the cockpit, and is painted all silver with a yellow tipped black prop. Although he does not say so, this appears to be a model capable of flight with a rubber motor and the correct propeller, but we don't blame him if he doesn't fly it.

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No. 11. Another Flapper from which Capt. Schwartz has had much amusement



No. 10. Tether biplane built by H. DeBolt turns in 65 mph and weighs 48 ex.

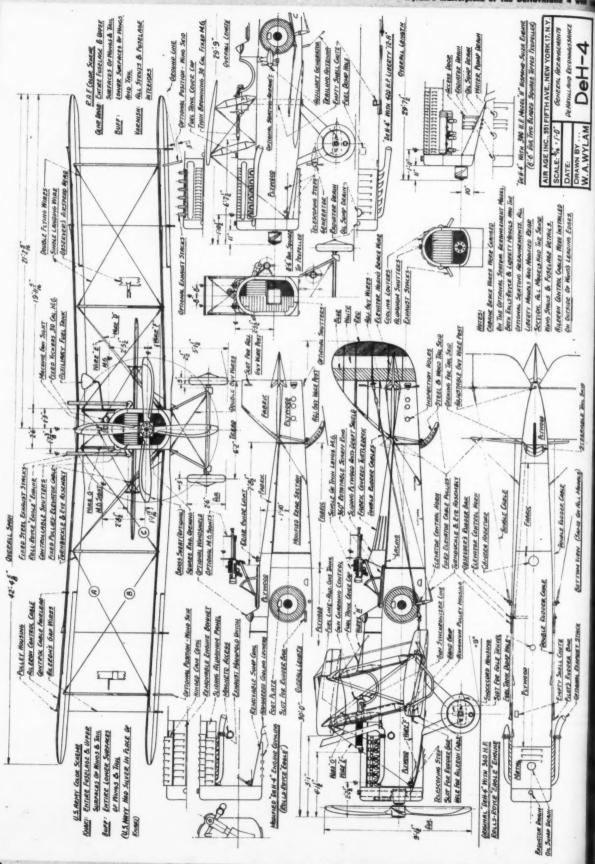
No. 7. Another fine Mustang with all required details built from a kit by Cpl. W. Oates, Jr.

No. B. A. L. Brown, Jr. and Lt. Murray shown with their control liner in Swiss internment camp

No. 9. Super detail Typhoon with movable controls, flaps and landing gear by R. Watson, RAF







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OO many promising model builders are discouraged early because they can't make a rubber job fly. Usually they start on a so-called "flying scale" fighter plane, from which it is impossible to get any endurance anyway. Or they may get a small flying model kit which is sensationally advertised and yet, in most cases, won't fly well either because of poor design, thin wings that invariably warp, small tail surfaces that leave the model unstable, or tiny props and short motors that cut the motor run practically to nothing. We know how discouraging this can be to a beginner for we have seen it happen all too often. To remedy this situation, the Wisp was designed primarily for flying ability, second for ease of construction, and third for eye-appeal.

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Before actually starting construction read carefully the following directions, referring constantly to the plans and skeleton photo until every detail is clear. Every effort must be made to do a careful, accurate job. Your extra effort will be rewarded by a really slick looking model with all the more flying ability.

Since the fuselage will take the most time to build, let's get that done first. It is important that you obtain some medium-soft 3/32" square balsa; do not substitute pine or harder or larger sizes, for a small model cannot carry the extra

weight. Lay these longerons down, steaming the top one aft of the wing to take the curve. The bottom nose longeron from landing gear forward should be cut from scrap 3/32" sheet. For the uprights, cut the square stock down to about 3/32" x 1/16" (see skeleton photo) to reduce unnecessary weight; every little bit really adds up. Fill in the tail with 1/16" sheet, cutting out space for the stabilizer. Put in window former of 1/16" sheet. Be sure the joints are all securely glued. Take out the pins, lay down another piece of waxpaper over the first side and construct an identical second side. Let them dry thoroughly before removing

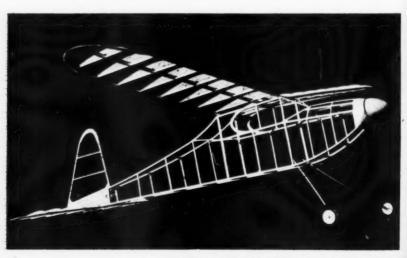
If the sides are at all out of line the body will be weaker and the incidence on the wing wrong, so it is essential that they follow the plan exactly even if they must be cracked and reglued. Next, put in the crosspieces starting with those at the cabin and working forward and back making sure they join at right angles to the fuselage sides. The sides must bend evenly; they will if the wood is of the same strength, otherwise "help it along" until they are even. You may think it is silly to worry about so many small mistakes but the strength, beauty and flying

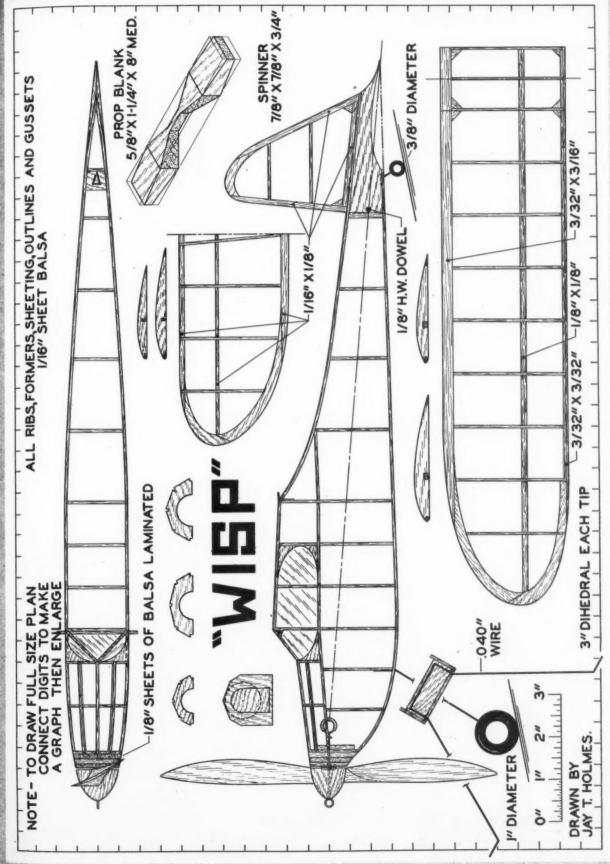
ability of your model depend on it! Glue the three top formers and 1/16" sq. stringers on the nose, sheet in around the front of the cabin and add the V front windshield brace. Then carve the nose-block from a soft block and drill for thrust button. The landing gear instead of being heavy wire is flexible 1/16" round bamboo running about ½" into the fuselage where it is well gusseted and cemented. The 1" balsa wheels are held on by a pin running along the inner side of the bamboo, then sticking into it and securely wound with thread. This extremely light landing gear setup has worked perfectly and helps substantially to keep the ship light. Finally, it's a good idea to sand the whole framework very lightly, eliminating bumps that would mar the papering.

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The tail assembly is easy, but glue the joints well to prevent warping. Leading and trailing edges of the rudder are 1/16" x ½" balsa, the tip 1/16" sheet, braces 1/16" sq. The stabilizer leading edge is 1/16" x½", trailing edge 3/16" x 1/16", tips and ribs 1/16" sheet, and top spar 1/16" sq. Only one stab rib pattern is shown so merely cut it down to fit the tip. Carefully sand both rudder and

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PART I

WHEN the De H.4 was produced in its original form in early 1916 it created a mild revolution in airplane design as far as performance was concerned. But that was to be expected if the performance records of De H machines prior to the "4" were reviewed.

While the present manufacturing organization descending from the World War I producers of the De H.4 carries the name of Geoffrey De Haviland in its title, the original concern was founded in 1912 by G. Holt Thomas and was called the Aircraft Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Its works at Hendon Aerodrome, just outside London, began shortly after its establishment to produce the highly successful machines designed by Capt. De Haviland, the company's engineering genius.

Shortly before the declaration of war in August 1914, Aircraft Manufacturing Co, or AIRCO as the name was contracted, produced the De H.1 pusher biplane, typical of the period but with a little better than average performance. A more powerful modification of the same design called the De H.1a was produced in the winter of 1914-1915. Both ships saw service, the De H.1a particularly on the Eastern Front and in the Mediterranean area, but neither was produced in appreciable quantities.

In the spring of 1915, and in desperation to beat the Fokker menace coming from Germany, the design was prepared on a smaller scale as a single seat fighter and produced as the De H.2. This high performance pusher single seater provided excellent visibility for the pilot and was armed with a fixed Vickers machine gun in the nacelle nose. During all of 1915 and early 1916 the De H.2 acquitted itself on the Western Front, only to be replaced by newer single seaters of the tractor type once the Allies had developed a suitable synchronizing mechanism for aircraft machine guns.

The next product of AIRCO was an enclosed fuselage type which set the general configuration of De H airplanes for the next 20 or more years. It was the De H.3, a radical biplane powered by two 130 hp engines and boasting a top speed of 95 mph. This was excellent performance for a big machine in 1915, but since the art of air warfare had not yet sufficiently advanced to take advantage of its possibilities, the De H.3 was produced only in prototype. It did form, however, the basis for the highly successful 1918 De H.10 design, about which more will be written la'er.

Finally, in June 1916, AIRCO mechanics at the Hendon works rolled out the prototype of the famous De H.4 biplane, which later was to be condemned and praised at the same time for its characteristics and fighting ability. The ship was big and beautiful yet ungainly in some respects. Nothing like it had been seen before because, contrasted to the Royal Aircraft Factory B.E. and R.E. biplanes—government designed ships which had set the pattern up to that time—the De H.4 appeared rugged and compact; a true battle-plane.

The ship has been described by the British Air Ministry as the first really high speed British general utility machine to be fitted with a high power stationary engine; and when it became operational in mid-1916 the De H.4 was just that. The first production models to go into service that year were fitted with the 240 hp B.H.P. engine which gave the ship a speed that was actually greater than any single seat fighter the Germans had been able to produce up to that time. Even its rate of climb and climbing speeds were about on a par with the best single seaters in the air!

These facts are particularly interesting when it is recalled that the De H.4 was designed and engineered during the fall of 1915, when the war was a year old.

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These two photos give many details of this plane. Note the centersection window and four blade prop at left. The ships were produced with a variety of motors for many purposes.







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PART 3

GENERAL—The basic profile of an airfoil is derived from mathematic formulae. The performance of an airfoil is determined experimentally, and this then substantiated by tests performed in wind tunnels with the use of a scale model of a wing with an aspect ratio of six. The profile outline of an airfoil is a function of a system of ordinates and abscissae. Ordinates and abscissae are defined as the vertical and horizontal distances respectively. Ordinates are expressed in dimensions above or below the basic wing chord plane of an airfoil. Abscissae are

ically located will produce the proper airfoil for a 5" chord. Refer to Fig. 1. In order to develop an airfoil, horizontal distances from the leading edge to the trailing edge are expressed in percent of the chord, and are usually referred to as stations. The upper and lower percents of the horizontal chord lengths are given in the table of offsets. The development of symmetrical or assymetrical airfoils is basically similar.

DERIVATION OF INTERMEDIATE WING CHORDS—Refer to Fig. 2. This illustration shows the end view at the chord plane of a tapered wing in the profile and the plan view. The station shown at the large chord (A) is known as the basic wing root section chord. This wing chord is the basic chord from which

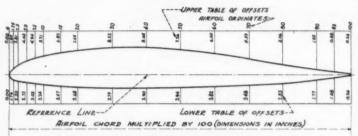


Fig. 1 How to plot the ordinates of the widely used M-6 airfoil

those positions from which the ordinates are derived, and are usually expressed in percentage of a 100" wing chord. Intermediate percentage lines are locations of the ordinates given above or below the wing chord plane.

Airfoil profiles are usually shown in terms of a 100" wing chord plane. This is done for simplicity. For example, if a 5" wing chord is used on a model airplane, all the ordinates and abscissae given in the table of offsets are multiplied by five one-hundredths. The final result when plotted through the points thus mathemat-

intermediate wing chords can be derived. The station at the small end of the tapered wing is known as the wing tip section chord. At each ordinate of the wing root chord converging lines are projected to a similar ordinate of the wing tip chord. Each station line represents a percentage line of the two primary wing chords. The projected lines will vary from what is illustrated if the wing root airfoil and the wing tip airfoil are derived from a different family of airfoils.

Refer to Fig. 3. Here the wing root
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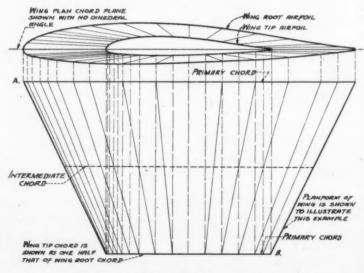


Fig. 2 Projections of wing root station line system on root chord



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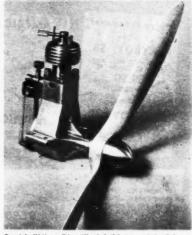
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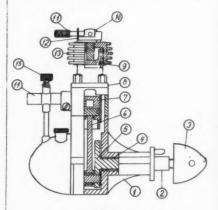
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by Per Weishaupt

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pumps and the injection jets made? These must be very difficult to manufacture? Well, you are right. How is this difficulty overcome? The answer is simple; there is no pump, there are no injection jets. The motor works as an ordinary 2-stroke job with a mixing valve. The compression ratio is high, about 14:1, and is variable. Variation is accomplished by using a piston situated at top of the cylinder. By means of a screw, turned by a lever in the top of the cylinder, this piston is moved slightly up or down, thus altering the compression volume. When starting up the motor a high compression ratio is used. When the motor is running, the compression ratio is regulated towards lower compression.

The inventor of this motor, E. Thalheim of Lausanne, Switzerland, is a machinist. He had his invention patented in 1927 and called it the Dyno I, which is the prototype of the Scandinavian motor shown. This motor will not run with just any type of fuel. The following mixture is recommended: 24% turpentine, 24% petroleum, 24% paraffine-oil, 13% ether and 15% motor-oil. For the Danish Mikro the following fuel is recommended: 25% oil, 40% ether and 35% petroleum.

Due to the high compression ratio and the resulting high combustion pressure, the motor itself is a bit heavier than the usual spark plug motor. However, as there is no battery, coil, condenser, spark plug and wiring, the total weight is less. Since it is much simpler it will, according to European experts, supersede the old types very shortly. Some have said that the self-ignition motor has a shorter life; since it is still in the experimental stage and because of the higher stresses this

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may be so at present. However, this particular Mikro has run 30 hours and is still going strong.

The self-ignition motors cannot be made by amateurs. Very accurate work-manship and first class tools are necessary since tolerances are very small.

sary since tolerances are very small.

Of the motors available, the Foostadius has been described in detail in the Swedish book, "Hobbyboken 1944" and differs very little from the Dyno. The Mikro is also similar. It features a fuel tank which may easily be turned so that the motor can be used inverted. The Diesella, also Danish, is the most powerful, developing 1/6 hp. It has a nice shape and is light. The C.P. Diesel built by Carlo Pinotti,

The C.P. Diesel built by Carlo Pinotti, an Italian musician in Sweden, has the whole top mounted as compression-regulator in order to distribute the stresses.

In Switzerland and in Scandinavia it has been learned that German modelists also began to use Diesels during the war. Motors less than half the volume of the Dyno were built. What about Dieselpowered indoor models?

TABLE OF SELF-IGNITION MOTORS (DIESELS)

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While flying level or climbing, the plane will have a steady ignition, but if it should at any time dip its nose towards the ground at more than a very slight downward angle (determined by position of vial) or go into a dive, the ignition will immediately be cut, as the mercury will flow to the other end of the tube and there will be no connection between the two terminals. Thus the engine will instantly die and your plane will pull out and glide in with little or no damage.

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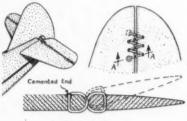
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by Ray Rusher

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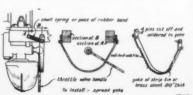
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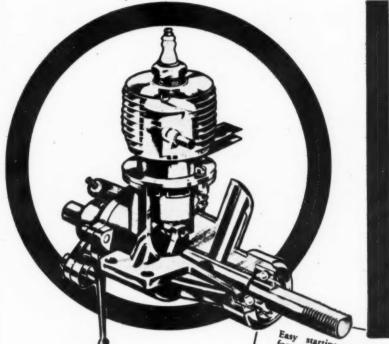
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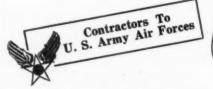
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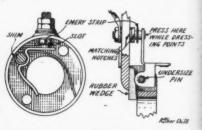
difficulty is to provide a notched yoke to engage the throttle handle and positively hold it in any adjusted position. The yoke is pivoted to the engine bearers and small pieces of rubberband or springs are used to engage the notches with the handle as shown on the drawing. These springs or pieces of rubberband also hold the yoke

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The author has found that strips of emery paper of successively finer grades such as 500, 600 and 700, and finally emery polishing paper are best for securing the desired results—a polish that reflects light like a mirror. For precision, don't be satisfied with inspection by the unaided eye but use a powerful magnifying glass such as a jeweler's eye piece or "loupe." Only in this way can fine scratches be detected. To insure that the points are dressed properly, the methods for Ohlsson and Atom engines will be explained and will suggest how others can be reconditioned.

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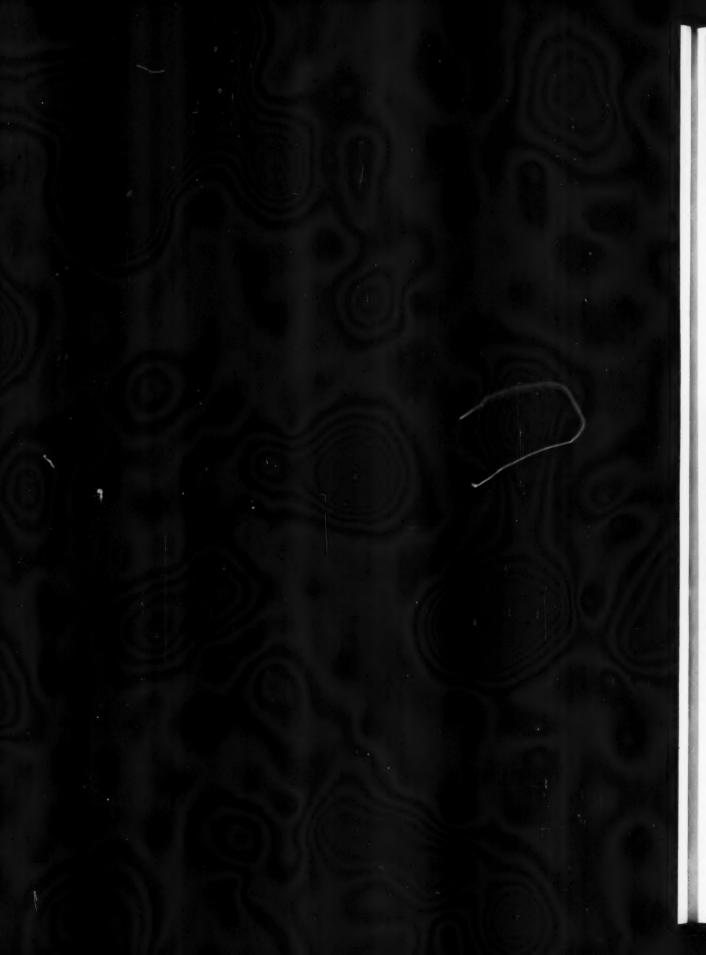
shim removed, the points will be found to seat perfectly. For greater accuracy the shim may be of brass, of worn emery paper thickness and tapered to a feather

edge as shown.

The stationary timer point should be marked by sawing a slot in the outer end to line up with either the axis of rota-tion of the crankshaft or the front face of the crankcase. The point can then always be reinstalled in the same position if the timer point nut becomes loose and requires retightening. Otherwise the

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As with the Ohlsson timer, use a vise while working on the points. For aligning the stationary timer point, its edge can be notched to match a notch in the timer

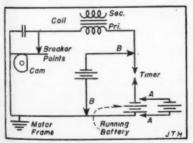
After polishing the points, be sure to wash the timer thoroughly in gasoline or naptha to flush out any emery or point dust that will cause trouble if not removed. You will find that points polished in the described manner will prevent much engine trouble and keep it operating many times longer than when any other method is used.

Questions: What is the correct way to connect a booster battery in the ignition circuit?

Answer: There are several ways, all of them correct. In the hookup of the accompanying diagram the booster is installed parallel to the small batteries as at AA, which has the advantage that when the engine starts running no switchover is needed; simply disconnect the booster. The other popular way is to install the booster so the timer does not affect it; that is, with one of its leads going to the coil and the other directly to ground as shown at BB. In this case only the small batteries are in the flight timer circuit, so before the booster can be disconnected the timer has to be operated to close the circuit.

With both these methods the life of the small batteries is about the same, but theoretically the second way described is preferable for longer life.

The flight timer can be connected into the circuit at any place as long as it closes and breaks the flow of current from the batteries through the primary of the coil. The polarity of the batteries can be reversed without causing any difference in performance but the flight battery and booster battery (plus and minus) should always be parallel to each other. If the booster is hooked on reversed for any reason, the small batteries will be ruined in a short time.





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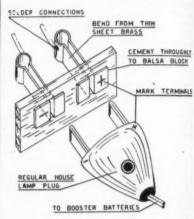
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With the male part of the booster connection being a regular house lamp plug, the booster batteries are of no use to the model builder with the conventional booster outlet. Thus if batteries



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The female part of the connection which resembles the inside of a house outlet connection is bent to shape from thin brass, making sure the depth is sufficient to allow for the entire length of the male plug.

A hard piece of balsa, about 3/16" thick, is used as the base on which the terminals are cemented thoroughly. The positive and negative terminals should not touch as this will cause a short circuit. The wires leading to the booster connections are soldered to the rear part of it.

Be sure to mark carefully the positive and negative positions on both the outlet and the booster plug in order to prevent a shorting of batteries when switching over for flight. Now, with this arrangement, starting your engine will mean just the insertion of the booster plug with the knowledge that a good contact will be obtained.

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stabilizer to smooth airfoil section; never leave the trailing edge squared off but sand it to a sharp edge.

The wing is built around a 3/32" sq. leading edge, a ½" sq. spar, and a ¼" x 3/32" trailing edge. From very soft 1/16 or 1/20" sheet cut 16 main ribs. Place them side by side upright on the table and sand them even so the paper job will be smooth. Firmly glue them and the tip ribs and 1/16" sheet tips in place and reglue all the joints for strength. Sand the wing tips and trailing edge to sharp edges. Leaving the section over the cabin flat, give the tips 1½" dihedral and brace and glue the centersection firmly.

The framework is now completed except for the all-important propeller. Many an otherwise beautifully con-Many an otherwise beautifully constructed model has failed to fly simply because of a poor prop. So don't pass it over lightly, do a good job and you will be well rewarded. Don't be lazy and buy a cheap inefficient one at your dealers; instead try cutting one out from the block dimensions given—it's not hard and really gives you a good job. Using a medium weight block accurately cut it to dimensions given on the plan, then simply cut away the excess. Round off the corners until the outline has the usual smooth lines and pointed tips. Carefully sand this into a smooth slightly cambered airfoil section with thin tips and trailing foil section with thin tips and trailing edges. Balance carefully in the middle, sanding the heavier blade until they are even. Shape a spinner from a soft block and fit it onto the prop. Put a hardwood thrust button and several washers on a prop shaft, then secure it to the prop and spinner. Now give the whole several coats of dope, clear or colored, sanding lightly in between coats until your prop is sr ooth and strong, giving high thrust and low drag. Since the rubber motor tilts down and would give the prop up-thrust, securely glue the thrust button into the nose-block at slight down-thrust and right-thrust; the latter will counter-act torque and induce turning climb to the right.

Your little dream ship is now ready to be covered. Pick any color scheme desired (the original was black with red trim), but make it flashy, for your Wisp is sure to be an eye-catcher. Using dope as an adhesive, put the covering on smoothly and evenly sticking down all loose ends. Through more than eleven years experience we have found that paper applied with the grain going spanwise on the wing results in a tight job, but one that each expensively between but one that sags excessively between ribs, ruining the airfoil and greatly lowering the lift. So we apply the paper with the grain running chordwise and, by allowing it to pull the wing evenly up to elliptical dihedral, we obtain a practically perfect job with a great deal less dip between ribs and a much more efficient wing. Try this method once; we believe it best although everyone else uses the opposite system. The elliptical dihedral should lift the tips to about 2".

Whatever method you use, do a neat job and prevent excessive warping while the water spray and dope are drying by holding the surface flat on a table with books, etc. Two coats of dope are needed for strength and to fill in the pores of the tissue so the wings do not "leak." Lastly, glue in the tail pieces, put a dowel in front of the cabin and a hook in the middle at back of the cabin as hooks for the rubberbands that hold on the wing.

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may react differently.

First, adjust the weight until it balances at center of the wing chord or even slightly aft. (Most models should balance farther forward, but the design is such that this is not the case for the Wisp). Test the glide over a soft surface such as grass. If your model is built exactly, the wing will have 2° incidence and the stabilizer 1° and it will glide slowly and amosthly; however, you may have to add smoothly; however, you may have to add or subtract incidence until the glide is at its best. When this is done, never change the balance or incidence thereafter but vary the thrust line to improve the power flight. Slight right turn on the rudder may be needed to spiral the plane more and keep it from stalling. If down-thrust or side-thrust is still needed to perfect the climb, change and reglue the thrust button but don't ruin the glide by adding weight or changing incidence.

When your Wisp is fully adjusted, which is really an art in Itself, fully wind the motor by hand or with a winder and enjoy a beautiful full length flight. All your hours spent working and perfecting details will be rewarded by many hours of enjoyment flying the little ship. If you are a beginner who longs for a simple model that he can build and make fly, take off, climb and soar all by himself, the Wisp is your plane. Good luck and lots of good flights!

The Great Sopwith 'Camel'

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luxuries he might still have had his model Camel; at least he would have had a complete set of photographs to remember it by. That smoke-screen gadget, which was actually successful to a certain extent, caused the model to burst into flames after one particularly beautiful takeoff. All the friendly Gremlins on the model flying field could do nothing and the model was destroyed even before the decorative checkerboard design was applied to the entire tailplane. Just build a good model, fly it in an orthodox manner, and you will avoid learning a lesson the hard way as the author did to his disgust.

The model shown wore skiis throughout its short career and it performed spectacularly on snow and ice. Wheels can be easily fitted; however, if you have never had the experience of flying a model with ski gear here is one that will

provide many thrills.

FUSELAGE—We begin by building the two sides of 3/32" square medium grade balsa. Note that this basic framework is shown on side and top views by the solid black construction. The two sides are joined together, first at the tail post, then working forward. Crossbraces of the same 3/32" square balsa are placed in like positions at top and bottom of fuselage. While this structure is drying, cut the side formers (two of each) from 1/32" sheet balsa and cement in their proper

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places. Cut formers 1, 2 and 3 from 1/16" sheet balsa and cement in place on top of the fuselage frame. Now, from 1/32" sheet balsa, cut formers 4, 5, 6 and 7; install in their proper places. All stringers on fuselage sides are of 1/16" x 1/8" hard balsa; stringers on fuselage top aft of the cockpit are 1/32" x 1/16" hard 'Jalsa; and the two short stringers which join formers 1 and 2 forward of cockpit are 3/32" square balsa. When all stringers are in-stalled, sand the entire framework to make it as smooth as possible.

The author suggests that a strong grade of bond paper be employed to cover the space between 1 and 2 top formers as well as to form the cockpit. Using small pieces of 3/32" flat soft balsa, fill in the space on each side of fuselage where the wings connect with the fuselage at the lower longeron. This filling in has been noted on the plans as the Wing Support Gusset. With razor blade and sandpaper, work this support gusset down to where it blends in with the side formers and lower longerons. You will find that this makes a very rigid assembly to which the lower wings and the landing gear struts may be easily joined. Insert the rear motor hook of .004 music wire. From soft balsa carve the solid balsa block which fills the space between No. 1 former and the cowling on fuselage top; sand to a smooth shape, cement in place, and sand further so as to cause it to blend in with fuselage.

The fuselage framework is now complete; we need only the cowling to complete this unit. The cowl is formed of seven layers 1/8" medium grade sheet balsa. With a compass, mark the correct size circles and cut out with razor blade or scroll saw. (The radii can be easily determined from the cross sections shown in side view on Plate 1a.) Note that the third layer from the front is solid except for the small 1/4" diameter hole at center; note also the two smaller circular layers which form a base for the nose plug. When all cowl circles have been shaped, cement together by laminating and allow considerable drying time. When dry, considerable drying time. When dry, carve and sand to the correct profile. Note that the cowl is irregular in shape on the bottom when viewed from the side. This irregularity allowed for the escape of the hot castor oil laden exhaust fumes of the Camel's rotary motor. The author chose to lighten his model by not including a detailed motor inside the cowl; this motor, if like that on the original ship, should revolve. However, if some of you wish to include a detailed motor, you should have no trouble finding details in old issues of this magazine. The cowling is cemented flush to the front of the framework; and with this operation finished our Camel fuselage is complete.

EMPENAGE-Both rudder and elevators are easily built directly over the plans on Plate 1b. In the interest of lightness, because this quality is most essential in flying scale models, the author recommends that tail surfaces be con-structed of 1/16" flat medium weight balsa. Widths of the various members may be taken from the plans. The tail surfaces of First World War aircraft were generally speaking flat, the only deviation being the very thin trailing edge as shown in the cross section of the elevators. A thorough sanding with very fine sand-paper will do much to further a successful covering job.
WINGS—The only difference between

upper and lower wing panels is shown on Plate 2 by means of dotted lines. To make a set of plans for the left wings, merely trace the right wing panel and

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The center section is also constructed directly over the plans. The ribs are cut from 1/16" sheet balsa as are the main When all wing ribs; three are needed. panels have been constructed, carve leading and trailing edges to the proper cross sections shown on the rib pattern. Some builders may prefer to shape these parts before they have been cemented to the wing structure; however the author prefers to shape them, after assembly, with a razor blade. When all panels are complete, sand entire structure with fine sandpaper. Most dime stores sell a num-ber of small "emery boards" of the type used by women on their finger nails; you will find these of great use in sanding the completed frames and in preparing them for a smooth covering.

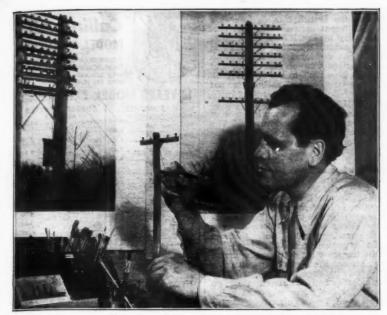
STRUTS—The patterns for the landing gear struts, landing gear spreader bar, and the center section struts are found on Plate 2. The interplane struts can be measured directly from the side view on Plate 1 (since interplane struts are installed vertically, there is no distortion). stalled vertically, there is no distortion). All struts are cut from $\frac{1}{6}$ " x 5/16" hard balsa and are streamlined, sanded and clear doped. The spreader bar is made from medium balsa and is 3/16" thick and 11/16" wide. The two $\frac{1}{6}$ " square pine axle supports are cemented firmly in notches. Streamline the spreader bar as shown and sand well, then follow with a road cast of clear depression. good coat of clear dope.

Realism can now be added to these struts by color, doping them with a brown dope. This will resemble the struts of early combat planes. Likewise, doping the struts before assembling will aid in securing a neat model; doping struts in the vicinity of a good covering job is not conducive to neatness

COVERING and DOPING - Because most First War Camels were of rather dull coloring, the author suggests a khaki or olive drab colored tissue be used. This will give a desirable color, and at the same time will tend to hold down the weight of the finished model. Covering should always be done with the grain of the tissue running the long way of the part being covered. Because of the concave shape of the undersurface of the wings the tissue adhesive should be applied to each rib. One piece of tissue can be used for each side of each wing panel with the exception of the tips which should be covered with a small separate piece. The fuselage is covered with a series of small pieces, and the tail surfaces can easily be covered with one piece to each side. Be certain the covering is neatly cemented around leading and trailing edges, etc., so as to leave no part ex-

Because of the light construction of the tail surfaces, merely spray lightly with water and watch for signs of warpage. The wings are also sprayed with water, as is the fuselage, and when dry may be clear doped with a very thin coat. Insig-nias are best applied before assembling, and may either be painted on by hand or

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they may be of the popular decal type. Note that the British insignia follows a slightly different pattern from that employed today by the R.A.F.; all circular insignia is exactly the same, top, side and bottom. The rudder is decorated with vertical stripes also of red, white and blue, with blue next to the rudder post. Note that the center section is not covered.

ASSEMBLY—First cement the elevators in place on top of the top longeron at rear of fuselage just behind former 7. The rudder is cemented in place flush with the rear vertical fuselage members and directly on top of the elevators. Take care that the tail surfaces are properly aligned and that neither positive nor negative incidence is present in the elevator. By the same token the rudder should exactly parallel the center line of fuselage, bending neither to left nor right.

Now assemble the top wing by cementing the center section in place between the two main panels. Note that no dihedral is present in the top wing.

While the top wing sections are drying firmly, cement the lower wings in place against the wing support gusset. Note by checking the half-size front view on Plate 2 that the lower wings have ¾" dihedral at each tip. This can be accomplished easily by blocking in place with small boxes or dope bottles.

Install center section struts in their

Install center section struts in their proper place directly on top of the top longerons. It will probably be necessary at this point to cut small notches in the bond paper and balsa fill to accommodate the struts. Once installed, using plenty of cement, and at the proper angle (check angle of installation by holding the top wing assembly in place), these struts will form a firm support.

When center section struts have dried securely, cement top wing in place. Note that all strut positions have been indicated on Plate 2 wing plans with small circles. The interplane struts are next installed. It will be advisable to cut away a very tiny portion of covering at the point where all struts join the wings; a much sturdier joint can be accomplished when cementing to the bare balsa.

The landing gear is now cemented in position. When each strut is securely in place insert the spreader bar and cement firmly. It will be necessary to slightly force the struts apart to permit entry of spreader bar. Since all struts are colored the wheels can be installed. The author recommends that the axles be 11/4" lengths of .004 music wire. Force cement into the drilled holes in the 1/8" square pine axle supports and cement the music wire in place. Wheels may be purchased or they may be built of laminations of \%" In any event they should be sheet balsa. equipped with a small washer on each Wheels are installed on the axles which are bent upward on the end. The author recommends the bent-up axle; should you desire to make use of the ski gear the wheels are readily exchanged by merely unbending the axle and slipping on the skiis. The tail skid is made of

pine, glued in place.

With the addition of a nose plug and a propeller carved from the illustrated blank shown half-size on Plate Ia, we find that our Camel is indeed nearing completion.

DETAILS and FINISHING—Such details as machine guns and gun sight are made of balsa, doped a dull black and cemented in place. The wind screen is cut from sheet celluloid. The bracing wires are realistic and can be added by

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With these details added, all that remains is to color dope the cowl after making certain it is smooth as silk. The author used red dope on his Camel's cowl but any bright color will be attractive.

The wheel centers should be color doped also, and the tires doped a dull black.

Now your model is finished: should you desire, when the snows come, to have a bit of rare sport just construct the skiis shown half-size in the box on Plate la. Bamboo strips are used for the skiis; the bamboo should be about 1/32" thick and " wide. A small candle is utilized for making the bend in the skiis. Bamboo held near the flame bends easily. Balsa wood is used to form the streamline base, and a small hole with bushings should be The tiny hooks on both the in the base. skiis and the landing gear struts are made of a small gauge music wire for the purpose of holding rubberbands which function as shock cords for the ski gear. Try this system and you'll be delighted with the results. Believe it or not, Camels were used on the Eastern Front both before and after Russia bowed out of the first war, so it is safe to assume that Camels did see some use on skiis.

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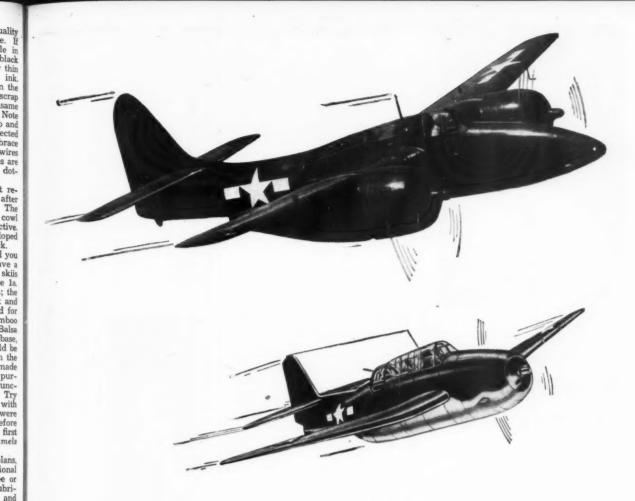
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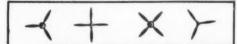
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In the months that followed Spence constructed a flyingboat of more advanced design. In this, a 3 in 1 control type, the rudder was operated via the wheel, and the throttle by foot accelerator. Shortly after, Spence established the country's first air jitney service with regularly scheduled trips between Wethersfield and East Hartford, Conn. When the jitney had outlived its usefulness the motor was given to the Roosevelt Field Museum at Garden City, L.I. where it is on exhibition today.

Up through the years Spence has been constantly in contact with amphibians. But it was not until 1931, while working as a test pilot for the Ireland Aircraft Co., that he conceived of a single engined plane which, if basically correct, would have the desirable characteristics for operation on land, water and in the air. After several years of experimenting with various models, he perfected the design for the prototype of what is now known

as the Seabee.

His first thought was to place the pro-peller down and behind the cabin, in contrast to the then current practice of placing the power plant up above the wings. This drew the engine or nacelle out of the air stream thereby reducing out of the air stream thereby reducing drag and eliminating exposed engine nacelle. The location of Spence's propeller also made possible enormously increased visibility and improved flying comfort by reducing noise and doing away with exhaust fumes coming back to the cabin. He introduced the "nose door, a feature of the Seabee which simplifies loading from water, beach or dock.

"The original design," says Spence, "was a desperate effort to eliminate faults in other amphibians-and this effort dictated my plans for the Seabee."

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General construction characteristics include all metal beaded wing skins of three spar construction. Ailerons covered with beaded skin are a three piece assembly. Flaps are of the same construction as the ailerons with beaded skin and one spar, and a formed leading edge with three ribs. The cabin, of the automotive type, has its side panels formed of dishpan inner units and skins spot welded to the pans to provide a strong wall. These

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tions and set about the task of sanding down the 3/32" sheet "skin" with progressively finer grades garnet paper until it is about 1/16" thick and satin smooth. Apply two coats of filler, sanding after each coat, then follow with two coats of lacquer or dope. Sand lightly with 4/0 wet-or-dry and then cover with a good grade of tissue. Dope at least 4 extra layers of Silkspan onto the bottom to insure water resistance and again use the wet-or-dry. Finally, apply 6 coats of pigmented dope or two coats of good grade enamel and set aside to dry.

FLYING-Connect up control lines and move ignition components about until the c.g. falls in the location shown. Inspect the surfaces for correct trim and the Seabee is ready for its first test flight.

At the time of writing the ship has not yet been tried on water, local ponds being ice bound, so no hints can be given of its behavior under these conditions. From the test flights over snow which have so far been made, the indications are that flying over water next Spring is going to be successful.

Test flying should be done with caution until best c.g. location has been deter-mined and the controlling influence of the elevator properly assessed. With a motor of .29 displacement the ship flies extremely well and safely, is easy to handle and rather slow (perhaps 25 mph), but it requires rather a long takeoff run and for this reason it is suspected that such a small motor would not take it off water.

It was after a motor of .60 displacement was fitted that trouble developed which needed drastic corrective measures. The increased speed promoted a noseover tendency which full up elevator would not overcome. Happily the ship was fly-(Turn to page 68)



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ing quite low and no damage resulted a new stab was built with an inverted section and the trouble was entirely eradicated making it certain that no difficult will arise when the ship is eventually tried in its proper element.

It should be mentioned that the mode appearing in the photographs has been regarded throughout the trials as a guinea pig and no attempt was made to "dress it up." Final teets having now been successfully concluded, the mode will be finished properly.

To those readers who are diehard "free flighters" it is believed that the Seaber offers something new in Class B models. The original ship weighed 39 ozs. ready to fly, but the structure has been greatly lightened in the plans and it should be possible to build to 36 ozs. which will give a wing loading of about 12 ozs. per square foot.

It is further suggested that the boom be lengthened some 2" and the horizontal tail area increased by 50% to give better longitudinal stability. Also, the wing profile should be more in keeping with desirable free flight behavior and could better employ an airfoil similar in characteristics to the N.A.C.A. 4412, Gottingen Sections 398 or 398R or similar high lift section. It should be borne in mind that in all pushers c.g. location is of paramount importance and upon its ideal location will largely depend the stability of the ship. Much time and effort must be patiently expended until correct balancing point is arrived at; only then may the ship be allowed its head under full power.

Air Ways

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The control liner shown in No. 8 with its two proud builders was constructed under conditions that would discourage most modelers. It was built in a Swiss internment camp by Arlie L. Brown, Jr. and his friend Lt. "Champ" Murray who is seen on the left. This ship turned in a speed of 55 mph and was rebuilt many times. These enthusiasts had never seen a control line job but with the help of Capt. Cardenas, who had been connected with research at Wright Field, they finally worked out a practical setup. The gift of a book on aeronautics by Mr. Lowry of the Red Cross in Geneva was a great help. Mr. Brown tells us that Swiss modelers are quite active although most of their work during the war was confined to soaring gliders, a few of which featured an automatic rubber control. The course of the model is pre-determined and then a small magnetic needle is set. When the ship turns off its course the needle moves and this movement is transmitted electrice'ly to the rudder. Most of the gliders are built completely of hardwood and although the kits don't compare with those available here the Swiss builders are really experts.

The beautiful scale model Typhoon in No. 9 was built by R. Watson, S/C RAF, England. He didn't tell us very much about it except that all controls, flaps and undercarriage are movable and it is built to 1/48" scale.

No. 10 is a Class C Control Liner submitted by the builder H. F. DeBolt, AM 2/c, U. S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md. This ship has a wing area of 200 sq. in. and weighs 48 oz. It is powered by an Ohlsson 60 and has turned in speed of 65 mph. The builder is a member of a Navy sponsored Model Engineers Club at his station and wishes particularly to point out that the Navy has gone

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The Flapper, No. 11, was built from Model Airplane News plans published a few months ago. The builder, Capt. Gilbert W. Schwartz, at the AAF Station Hospital, Romulus, Mich., writes: "There was no one more greatly surprised than myself when I saw the thing fly. I let it loose and with wing panels flapping it just bounced merrily through the air and landed on the roof of another house in the project where I live. I have had several other flights since then. This is no record breaking model but something just for fun and entertainment." The Flapper was suspended in flying position by Capt. Schwartz for this picture.

The Super V Shark in No. 12 was built by H. O. Wise, 2802 Rodman St., Louisville 8, Ky. This model was not built exactly to plan since it has a conventional type U-control apparatus instead of the roller control, as well as a special landing gear. Mr. Wise tells us that an Ohlsson 23 was used for power and has proved fairly satisfactory but he feels that a 60 would be much better.

We have a letter from David R. Winans who is at present in the Navy but hopes to be released shortly; he is greatly interested in contacting model builders of 1/8" scale models. Winans has been building this size for several years and has quite a collection. Although at the time of writing his letter he was stationed at Midway Island, he asks that interested parties contact him at his home, 328 Chilton Street, Elizabeth 3, N. J.

Jack Danks, whose model was shown in this department in August 1945 M.A.N., writes us that he received a letter from Jackie House requesting information on

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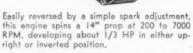
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The East Bay Aeroneers held another contest September 16, 1945 at Livermore with the following results:

Class A—(1) Al Hovsepian, 7:30; (2) John Drope, hoff, 3:15.4; (3) Jack Dyer, 2:40.1. Class B—(1) Bill Dunham, 9:01.5; (2) Du Foote, 7:48; (3) John Dropshoff, 7:11.7. Class C—(1) Les Martin, 9:28; (2) Les Foot, 7:51; (3) Charles Doan, 7:45.

The EBA also held an indoor contest with these results:

Junior—(1) Gene Sandy, .07; (2) Walt Hubbard, .05.5; (3) Jim Shott, .05.5. Senior—(1) Jack Dyer, .13; (2) Art Wells, .1‡; (3) Art Wells, .11.5.

Connecticut

The Norwalk Model Club of East Rock Road held contests every Sunday through last September 30th. The grand prize winners were:

(1) Roy Byington; (2) Addison Austin; (3) Pieze

Illinois

The Aero-Bats, of Harvard, are looking for correspondents. Anyone wishing to write them should address Robert Marcks 200 Church Blvd., Harvard, Ill.

Kansas

On November 11, 1945 the Hy-Flyen Clubs of the YMCA East Side Branch Wichita, met at the Forum and will continue to meet on alternate Sundays until March 6, 1946. Everyone is invited, admission free. Les DeWitt was elected Pres. Jim McClelland's place, Jim working a an advisory capacity now. They held a contest November 18th on Wilson Field at 1:00 p.m. Results will appear in a future

Louisiana

Shreveport Modelers Club has been reorganized, and any interested parties may reach them by writing James L. Beck, reach them by writing James L. Beck, 3115 Boss Ave., Shreveport. Their new officers are: Pres. James L. Beck; Vice-Pres. Henry Riley; Seey. Jake Norris, Publicity Chairman Loy Vandiver; Program Director G. W. Beck; Contest Committee Chairman M. L. Vandiver; Director of Elving House, Piles Appears in the tor of Flying Henry Riley. Anyone in the Ark-La-Tex area is welcome.

Air Scout Squadron #604 held a meet September 15 and 16 at St. Louis with these results:

H. L. Glider No. 1—(1) Gene Templemeyer, 2:39; (2) Bud Willis, :49.2; (3) Gene Templemeyer, :30.2. Towline Glider (Sr)—(1) Glen Kullman, 1:55; (2) Gene Templemeyer, 1:06.2. Towline Glider (Jr)—(1) Herb Ailsleiger, :53; (2) Allen Schultz, :34.2; (3) Michael Gillem, :31. U Control Speed Class B—(1) George Onk, 47.36

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H. L. Rubber—(1) C. Wehmueller, 3:36.3; (2) Bob Denton, 2:36.3; (3) Bob Denton, 2:06.3.
H. L. Gas Free Flight—(1) Bob Denton, 2:08.3; (2) Bob Sullivan, 2:08; (3) Jim Lignon, 1:06.3.
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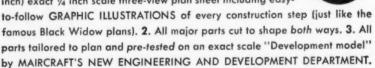
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Leon Shulman; (3) Richard Ansiki, Jr.

Free Flight Gas, Class 2—(1) Seymour Gartne;
(2) Donald Baird; (3) Michael Spisak.

Free Flight Gas, Class 3—(1) Julius Maklas; (1)
Walter Semke; (3) Orval Stewart.

Towline Glider—(1) John Thompson; (2) Walter
Semke; (3) John Gluth.

Fuselage Rubber Powered—(1) Ozzie Winters; (1)
Robert Syvaner; (3) William White.

Stick Model Rubber Powered—(1) William Bomman; (2) John Gluth; (3) Orval Stewart.

Hand Launched Glider—(1) Larry Squires; (1)
Richard Ansiki; (3) Martin Schwartz.

U Control Gas, Class 1—(1) Ernie Babcock, Jr.
(2) Edward Pincar; (3) Frank Molchanow.

U Control Gas, Class 3—(1) Joseph Kannia; (1)
John Diehl; (3) Ernie Babcock, Sr.

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The weather was awful on Saturday, very few fellows caring to risk the ships. On Sunday, however, the wind had died down and aside from those models caught in the showers, the casualty list was low.

New York

The Kiwanis and Westchester Hobbies Inc. held a meet September 16th for modelers with these results:

Free Flight Gas, Class A—(1) Warren Fletche, 2:17.7; (2) William M. Dean, 1:38.2; (3) Join Clihi, 1:05.2. Free Flight Gas, Class B—(1) Art Horak, 1:06.7; (2) David Hunt, 1:00.5; (3) Roland Lane, :59.6. Free Flight Gas, Class C—(1) Skeet Reinhard, 1:26.1; (2) David Hunt, 1:12.5; (3) John Blecker, Jr., 1:05.5. U Control Class A—(1) Robert Du Breuil, M

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U Control Class B—(4) Marien Fletcher, :64.2; (1) H. L. Stick—(1) Warren Fletcher, :64.2; (2) Leonard Kendy, :59.2; (3) Charles Stumpf. :02. Rubber Endurance—(1) Art Horak, 1;32.1; (2) Albert Ames, :17.8. H. L. Gliders—(1) William Fletcher, 1:09.7; (2) Joseph Sansone, :49.5; (3) Fay Factor, :49.4. Towline Sailplanes—(1) Ray Factor, 3:22.2; (2) Art Horak, 2:10.1; (3) William Fletcher, 1:14.2,

Ohio

The Model Industry Association of Cleveland held a contest at Ford Field September 30th. The prize winners were:

Class A Gas—(1) Julius Takas; (2) Howard Robinson; (3) Richard Korda.
Class B Gas—(1) Fred Hausen; (2) Dick Fox; (3)
Geo. Landreth.
Class C Gas—(1) William Bareis; (2) Jim Kloth;
(3) Richard Korda.
Towline—(1) Chester Lanzo; (2) John Karpas;
(3) Richard Korda.
Rubber (fuselage)—(1) Chester Lanzo; (2) Da Orman; (3) Dick Fox.

Bill Bareis who competed in the Class C contest hooked "something" and ended

up in Lake Erie, some 20 miles away. The National Exchange Club is awarding a new trophy to be held by the winner for one year or until he loses it to the new champion. The previous holder, however, will be given a replica of the trophy for his permanent possession. This new contest is going to be held in Dayton on the 42nd anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight. The National Flapping-Wing Model Airplane Contest is open to anyone under 18 years old.

Oregon

The Portland Gas Hoppers Model Club has been organized with 75 members and these officers; John Fields, Pres.; Glen Propst, Vice-Pres.; Stewart D. Stephens, Secy.; Dave McKibbens, Corresponding Secy.; Wilbur Grassel, Treas.; Bob Wil-Sgt-at-arms; Rex Baumgarden, liams, Contest Director.

They've already held two contests this year and have the Portland Exchange Club as their sponsors. They would be very happy to hear from other model clubs. Other contests expected to be held during the next year are U-Control, Radio Control, Glider and Free Flights.

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Beauty Event—(1) Ernest Pheffer; (2) Arthur L. Gray; (3) Loucks Stribgen.

Tether Control, Class A—(1) Harold De Bolt; (2) Ernest Babcock, Jr.; (3) Ray Schofield.

Tether Control, Class B—(1) William Johnson; (2) Harold De Bolt; (3) Matty Kenia.

Tether Control, Class B—(1) William Johnson; (2) Frank Stanton; (3) Harold De Bolt.

Tether Control, Class C—(1) Harry Preiss; (2) Frank Stanton; (3) Harold De Bolt.

Tether Control Stunt—(1) Bill Warner; (2) Harold De Bolt); (3) Paul G. Heisler.

Free Flight, Class A—(1) Carol L. Buress; (2) Jack Oliss; (3) Alan Hein.

Free Flight, Class B—(1) Lyall Stegar; (2) E. Elwood Phillips; (3) Alan Hein.

Free Flight, Class C—(1) Karl Stebbins; (2) Edward Ritter; (3) Angelo Di Salvo.

Free Flight Stunt—(1) Fred Haesche; (2) Ernest Pheffer, (3) Brighton Barron.

Rubber Power Event—(1) Eugene Engelhardt; (2) Chester Lanzo; (3) Richard Sladek.

A special prize award went to Cpl.

A special prize award went to Cpl. Donald T. Rothers, currently stationed in Luzon, for sending in an entry from the farthest distance.

A contest will be held at El Paso under the Western States Model Airplane Asso-ciation rules, and will be U Control featuring Speed, Precision, and Special Flights. Many trophies will be awarded. It will take place at the Municipal Airport. The exhibit opens on December 16th and the preliminaries for the model plane contest will take place from 9 until 12 that day. After that, a barbecue until 2 and an air show from 1 until 2:30; then demonstrations of special planes until 5. From 2:30 to 6, finals and award of prizes will be announced.

Washington

Olympia Miniature Aircraft Club held its annual contest at Olympia's Million Dollar Airport, Sunday August 19, 1945.

This club originated a new rule which has proved satisfactory and which was used at the Seattle contest; that is, requiring a 6" string attached to the tail of the ship and contestants must launch ship by letting go of the string.

The Cross Country event is held annually at Olympia and the Talcott trophy is awarded the most consistent ship. It is flown in heats of 15 minutes and the object is to see who can get the most time in the air within the 15 min. Contestants are given 60 sec. after the 15 min. are up to return their ship to the judge's stand. This event gives the modeler who has a slow ship a break.

Olympia also has a point system which has been in effect for a year. At least one contest is sponsored each month and the trophy is awarded to the member having the most points.

The results of the latest contest are:

The results of the latest contest are: Open Gas—(1) Charles Hollinger, 311.9. Class A—(1) Bill Willemin, 209.4; (2) Brandt Tennant, 149; (3) Roy Woodcook, 144. Class B—(1) W. R. Scott, 216.7; (2) David Mc-Allister, 186; (3) R. P. Baumgardner, 150.9. Class C—John Fields, 160.6; (2) Owen Brown, 153.4; (3) Nigel Jones, 77.5. Cross Country—(1) Bill Willemin; (2) Owen Brown; (3) Henry Paylor.

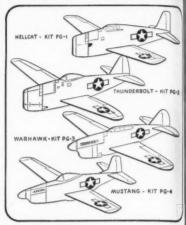
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Design Forum

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still more compared to the orthodox airplane. The design of wing tips is very important when considering low drag. Tip whorls caused by improper tip design create great drag which are eliminated usually by making the tips with small chord, rounding them carefully and thin-ning down the airfoil section. Sometimes they are washed out or given a slight negative angle. In this case they are reduced by attaching the tail booms to the This prevents wing at the extreme tips. the whorl effect due to tip spill and insures a more even flow over the wing throughout its span. It has the usual features of retractable landing gear and

So we see the dominating theme of this design is high speed, and it surely is fast. Now let us consider whether this quality has been obtained at the expense of other necessary performance characteristics. When a designer lays out his ship for excessive speed his first thought, on the other hand, is can he land the craft; can he fly slow enough to get back to earth safely? Mr. Henkel has endeavored to assure the pilot on this score by providing extendable wing tips for landing or for added lift in climb or at high altitudes. These retract to reduce head resistance at high speed. Undoubtedly these will be effective to some extent, though the increase in area in the design is comparatively small.

By careful designing it is possible to make the retracting sections of the wing even larger so they will be more effective. Slow landing speed will also be assured by the main lifting surfaces of low aspect ratio because low aspect ratio wings give greater lift for landing. Wings of circular form, for instance, give twice as much lift for landing as wings of high aspect ratio and equal area. Thus we see that Henkel has designed his ship aerodynamically to give the necessary performance characteristics of high speed, climb, ceiling

and landing speed.

The next thing to consider is whether the airplane can be controlled throughout its performance. Two things influence ma-neuverability; 1, distribution of weights; 2, effectiveness of control surfaces; each one reacting against the effect of the other. To maneuver quickly weights must be centralized. If far apart, it is difficult to rotate the ship quickly about any one of its axes. The rotating effect is created by the control surfaces, so we see that with the weights centralized smaller control surfaces may be used. The greater the efficiency of the control surfaces the smaller they may be. With this layout it is difficult or practically impossible to use the common type of aileron for lateral control unless the flap is reduced to ineffective size. Therefore, Henkel employs spoilers or sections of the upper surface of the wing that may be raised to break the air flow over the wing surface and thereby reduce or completely kill the lift on the wing.

When used as ailerons, these spoiler ailerons are raised one at a time to reduce lift on one wing and create a rolling effect about the longitudinal axis. It is questionable whether spoilers of this design will be satisfactory. They reduce the lift considerably and often completely, but they do it suddenly without any graduation from zero to maximum effect. Often spoilers will be raised to a certain degree without any effect whatsoever, and then when raised only one or two grees more they suddenly produce their

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maximum effect. Furthermore, this often occurs at different angles of the spoiler, all of which is very disconcerting to the pilot. In other words, spoilers in their present form are tricky and not entirely reliable for maneuvering. Some airplanes perforate the spoilers with a series of holes so that when they are raised the air sifts through them. These are provided to reduce the sudden spoiler reaction mentioned above and to provide a more graduated spoiler effect. If Henkel can equip his plane with spoilers that will give a graduated aileron effect his design shown here is practical. With normal present day spoilers lateral control would be unsatisfactory.

Longitudinal control is governed by the stabilizer and elevators and is proportional to their distance from the center of gravity and their area. The design shown here is excellent in this respect. Directional control also will be satisfactory because the rudders are placed well to the rear of the c.g. Weights are concentrated so the elevators and rudders will be opposed to very little extent by the inertia of the craft.

The next step is to build the plane with these aerodynamic features. There will be no difficulty in constructing the pilot and engine compartments, the large center wings, the flaps, spoilers, booms and landing gear. These are more or less orthodox, and light structure can be provided to take care of any stresses involved in this design. However, at this point customary practice ends and we go into the realm of trick construction.

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For instance, how are the retractable wing tips to be worked out? These must slide out easily without jamming. On the ground this would be a simple problem but in the air, with air loads on the tips as they are being extended, the situation is complicated. Part of the extended tips must remain within the main wing to absorb the bending moments due to loads on the tip. These bending moments are transmitted to the sliding track on which this must operate and to the rollers which run in this track. These in turn are transmitted to the structure of the main wing tending to split open the wing by prying the upper surface away from the lower. Consequently a structure of considerable strength and weight must be employed, and it is a question whether there would be any advantage in the extended wing tip because the added lift would be largely neutralized by the increase in structural weight and drag of the tips.

If the area of the tips were increased in order to increase their effectiveness, the stresses imparted to the main wing structure would also be increased with greater resulting weight.

Experiments with this type of device so far have not been satisfactory. Many arrangements have been worked out but have been discarded because the increase in the weight and added mechanical complications have outweighed its advantages. If a designer can work out an arrangement that will give much greater lift with very little increase in weight, such retractable wing tips would be an advantage. Henkel, however, has not indicated any unusual features in his retractable wing tip design.

The next structural feature of doubtful design is the horizontal tail surfaces. These are of very large span and very small chord. The pressures resulting from maneuvers in flight would buckle this surface easily. Their thickness is governed by the chord and is seldom

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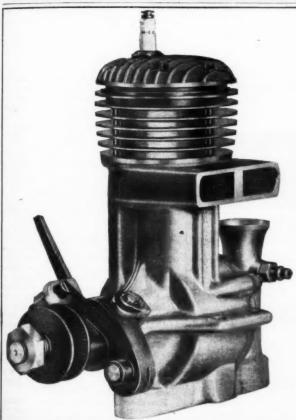
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To provide stabilizer and elevators of satisfactory proportions the booms would have to be closer together so that their support on the stabilizer would be more centralized. At present the span between them is about twice too large. To move the booms inward, of course, would destroy the tip design of the wing unless wing tip plates were provided. It is suggested that they be moved in close to the propellers and that the stabilizer chord be increased 2 to 21/4 times. This will bring the supporting points at the stabilizer within reasonable distance of one another so that the tail is strong and light. However, this brings us other complications. The booms must be attached to the wing where the flaps are shown at present. Therefore, the flaps would have to be divided into two sections, an inner and outer section.

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First let us consider the design in light of aerodynamics. Such an airplane unquestionably would be very stable laterally, and if the wings are staggered and arranged with a decalage it will be stable longitudinally. However, a ship of this design banks just as much as any other plane and in fact possibly more, because when turning the increase in pressure against the outer wing would be very sudden, so that the plane would be thrown up into a bank quickly. This would fulfill Karr's claim of quicker maneuverability and elimination of skidding. Such a plane would be inherently stable to a high degree and probably could be flown without ailerons.

This would be gained however at the expense of efficiency, because with the wing tips joined and close together there will be great interference of the airflow between the wings at this point. Every possible step is taken to eliminate air disturbance at the tips because this causes great drag and a loss of efficiency and often induces spinning. Tips of this design would provide an excellent air brake and churn up the air tremendously. Efficiency could be increased greatly, however, if the tips were joined so there was a space, between the lower and upper wings at the tips, equal to the wing chord This could be done by curving up the tip of the lower wings sharply and joining them to the upper wing tips.

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cient one is No. 3 with the two wings staggered equally throughout the span A plane built with wings of this type would be very interesting, and incidently would be very stable laterally and longi-tudinally. It would be reasonably efficient provided pains were taken to design the wing tips so that interference between the two wings is reduced to practical limits.

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Plane Drafting

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airfoil and the wing tip airfoil have been derived from a basically similar airfoil, although a 3° angle of washout is included in this hypothetical wing. Station lines at each ordinate in this example may be drawn as in Fig. 2. Washout or washin of the wing tip in model airplane wing constructions makes the use of accurate jigs mandatory.



Fig. 3 Wing with tip washout and taper

The chord length of intermediate wing ribs may be obtained by accurately drawing the basic wing root chord plane and the wing tip chord plane to a specific sale in the plan view. The position of each wing rib between the two primary wing chords is known and is located by means of a table of offsets. The actual length of the intermediate wing rib may then be

obtained by scaling.

Refer to Fig. 4. The airfoil section for that wing rib may be developed in a manner similar to that shown in Fig. 1. The same ordinates are used for the intermediate wing rib as those for the basic wing root section airfoil, provided the same airfoil is used along the semi-span of the wing. Where close tolerance for the exact length of an intermediate wing chord rib is desired, the length may be obtained by solving the equations A and B. Note in equation A that a factor K is developed. K represents the ratio of the distance the centerline of the intermediate wing rib is located from the basic wing root chord to the dimension of semispan of the wing. Equation B is solved in the conventional manner, the solving of which will give the chord length of an

intermediate wing rib. (Part 4 will appear in the February issue)

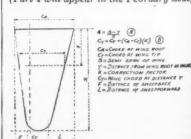


Fig. 4 Calculation of intermediate rib length

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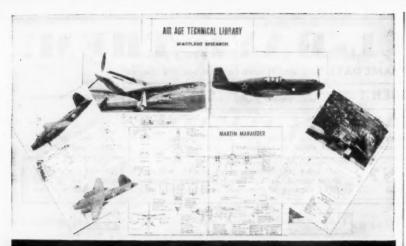
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Equally interesting is the fact that this performance was achieved on an airplane designed solely from an aerodynamic point of view. At the time the De H4 was conceived air warfare had not progressed to the point where aircraft could be designed to meet a specific functional requirement simply because such requirements had not yet been isolated and identified. This example of design for pure aerodynamic efficiency is contrasted to design for a specific function as described in previous articles dealing with the Bristol Fighter F2.B.

Consequently, the De H.4 was outfitted some time during its career for every duty conceivable to the Air Ministry. If a self defending reconnaissance machine were required in a certain sector, De H.4s equipped with cameras were dispatched to the scene; and when a high speed bomber was required the "4" was sent merrily on its way, complete with make-shift bomb racks holding its lethal load

De Haviland 4 Design

As far as design is concerned, Geoffrey De Haviland actually set a precedent that was later taken up by all the powers when he evolved the De H.4. He chose a power plant capable of about twice the output used in two seaters up to that time. In fact, 240 hp had not been made available to single seaters in 1916. The answer to that was the element of weight Engines in the most efficient hp/wgt class still were just entering the 150 hp category, and no two seater up to that time had been designed to withstand greater

De Haviland also chose the then newly developed R.A.F.-15 airfoil section which had been developed by the Royal Aircraft Factory for use in "high speed" planes with a medium wing loading. The section was comparatively thin with a decided undercamber between spars which were located at the airfoil's two thickest

points.

The completely enclosed fuselage with its occupants sitting in tandem was not a new innovation, but the fact that the gunner member of the crew sat in the rear seat was a new development. Gunners on previous types in service, particularly German, had been placed in the front cockpit because their job was to fire forward as well as broadside and to the rear. Greatest influence in the change of positions was the advent of the synchronized gun which eliminated the necessity for a forward firing observer. A synchronized gun was included in the original De H.4 design, making it the first airplane of its type to carry such a weapon as standard equipment. Much of the De H.4's high performance

was directly traceable to its comparatively low coefficient of drag. Much progress was made in this direction by simply placing the radiator in the nose of the fuselage, thereby permitting a minimum of crossectional area in the body. Pre-vious water cooled engine installations had been cooled either by radiators located in the center section (a great favorite with the German) or by the type hung out in the breeze on each side of the fuselage. Location of the radiator in the nose had the additional advantages of an integral header tank, fewer feet of water plumbing, and further saved weight of water trapped in the plumbing.

A few months after the advent of the De H.4, Rolls-Royce developed the famous Falcon engine and put it into production. (Turn to page 86)

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Other engines fitted from time to time, particularly on non-fighting versions and ships destined for training purposes, were the 200 hp B.H.P., the R.A.F. 3a, Renault, and Hispano-Suiza.

Performance

Space at this time does not permit giving a complete performance roundup of all versions of the De H.4. In its original production form, however, and powered by a 240 hp engine, sea level top speed is officially listed as 120 mph. This one factor alone meant a great deal in the early days of the First World War and accounts for the fact that the De H.4 was often sent out on missions minus escort fighter protection. A climb to 6,500 ft. consumed just 8 min., with 14.10 min. required to get to 10,000 ft. The struggle came at the 15,000 ft. level which was reached in 29.15 min. This performance is not particularly impressive in view of what we are accustomed to today, but remember the date was early in 1916, and at that time there were few if any experimental single seaters which could match, let alone surpass it! Landing speed at sea level was just 52 mph.

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In spite of this apparent whirlwind performance, the De H.4 suffered from a number of characteristics which made it less desirable than other ships for certain duties once the meaning of air warfare became clearer. That is why certain inherent good De H.4 qualities were retained in later De Haviland designs produced under the type designations De H.9 and De H.9a.

Next month Part II of this article will go into further performance details and a structural description of the famous and long lived De H.4 biplane.

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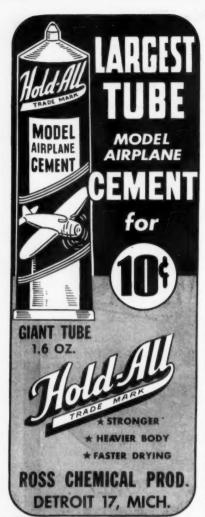
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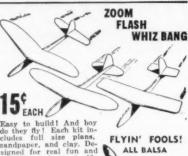
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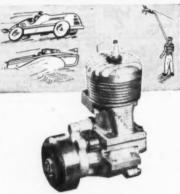
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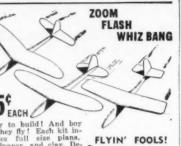
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If the number of ready made accessories sold during the past few years is an index, the average model builder would much prefer to buy such items as, say, turned wood wheels, pneumatic wheels, gas model props, engine mounts, tanks, battery holders etc., than make them himself. An item like pneumatic wheels, for example, is quite beyond the possibilities of the average workshop. More items of this type-not necessarily complicated but for various reasons not susceptible of production by individual modelers—are vitally needed.

Here, Mr. Manufacturer, are some of

the things we want:

Model helicopters are proving ever more popular, but in order to build successful gas engine powered models of the Sikorsky type we shall need a good, rugged and light gear box and clutch mechanism with a simple bevel gear drive for the anti-torque rotor. Such an arrangement should not be too difficult for a well-equipmed manufacdifficult for a well-equipped manufacturer to produce, and the whole thing should not cost more than an average engine—the whole point of the matter is that most of us are not able to construct such a gearbox for ourselves.

How about a simple coaxial drive for gas engines? It could be done with a couple of gears in a streamlined aluminum or other light metal housing. Elimination of torque in our free flight gas models could result easily in much more efficient types of new and improved design, and eventually might make present day controliner speeds possible in free flight models.

Then there's the Atom, which is a sweet little engine. It would seem that a redesign of the Atom crankcase to take two cylinders could result in class C performance on class B weight. How

about it? Let's see more multi-cylinder engines such as the five-cycle Morton radial on the market. Why doesn't somebody come out with a good two or four in line? Think of what could be done with a controliner with four class B cylinders screaming away in the nose. Extensive use of die castings should keep both cost and weight reasonable.

How about some left hand props for those of us who like to build pushers? Some engines (because of certain design features) are irreversible. Two, three and four blades of wood, metal or plastic, preferably set in an adjustable hub. should also find a wide market.

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For that matter, why not a good reliable jet engine, preferably on the inter-mittent explosion principle? Even if it did not develop quite as much power as conventional engines it should find a ready market. These things by nature are much simpler than reciprocating engines and should be cheap to produce. On this one, of course, the safety factor would be an important consideration.

How about new "automatic" gadgets. such as a landing gear retracting mechanism working on the "mousetrap" ciple? A delaying action should pull the wheels up after 10 or 15 sec. with no weight on the gear. This would allow the model time to take off and still keep the wheels from snapping up on the first bounce. Some method of lowering the wheels when the engine stops should be included. This might be done by using a fairly sensitive vacuum device attached to the engine's air intake, much as a windshield wiper operates on an automobile. When suction stops the vacuum device would trip a trigger and down would come the wheels. This should not be too difficult for some smart production man to dope out; and brother, how the speed hounds would gobble them up!

Many of us feel that controliner speeds could become even more fantastic if we could save the weight of batteries and shoot the juice up the control lines by means of a couple of No. 6 dry cells strapped to the waist. Enameled copper wire stretches too much to be practical and spacers along the lines are too clumsy to handle. How about light insulated steel lines?

We would like a reasonably fair assortment of stamped light metal bevel gears, with shafting to fit, to take care of rubber powered angle drives in flyingboats and in other types of models in which straight line power application is not practical. This line should include a multiple power takeoff from one big rubber motor for four-engine bomber models.

If sheet balsa were available in greater widths, maybe even a foot, think how much easier all balsa wings and fuselages would fall together. There is need also for a good slow-drying adhesive for attaching tissue to built-up frameworks.

How about a simple automatic pilot on the clockwork principle? It would only need to have a couple of projecting arms which would work through a small are at stated intervals in order to make free flight gassies perform loops, Immelmans, wing-overs, and many other complicated maneuvers. There should be some provision for hooking the gadget up to the flight timer in such a manner that cutting the ignition would cause the control arms to return to normal glide positions; or better still, the timer could be incor-porated into the mechanism itself.

Last, but by no means least, why doesn't some smart manufacturer come out with a power-dive-under-power preventer? Such a device should not be nearly as difficult to design as it sounds since most models when diving or spinning under power will come out of it when the power is cut.

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